

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 6, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, William Mays, Ron McCall, and Robert Raines

Absent: Jack Wallace

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Jenkins and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by City Treasurer Joe Stallard.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 16, 1995 meeting as presented.

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There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors.

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A public hearing was held on an Ordinance Abandoning and Vacating Portions of a Twelve Feet Wide Undeveloped Alley.

Mr. Ward advised this ordinance covered a portion of an alley that bordered the property of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lowe of 10th Street. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe have been to Council previously stating that the driveway on their house is on City property. The only relief Council can give the Lowes is to abandon or vacate this portion of the alley and it then goes back to the original landowner. The Lowes, in turn, can deal with them on purchasing this portion of land.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There was no public input and Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

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Mr. Ward advised the City Administration asked Council's favorable consideration on the passage of this ordinance.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Abandoning and Vacating Portions of a Twelve Feet Wide Undeveloped Alley. (Insert)

A public hearing was held in accordance with Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, As Amended, to Solicit Nominations to the next City of Norton School Board.

Mayor Raines advised this was the last time Council would have to do this since the residents had voted in favor of elected School Boards. He further advised that only the names submitted during the public hearing would be considered for appointment after a seven day period.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Councilman Roberts nominated Mr. Marty Hagy for reappointment to the City of Norton School Board. The City Manager advised the only name submitted to him was also the name of Mr. Hagy.

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There being no further input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing and advised the City Manager to put this appointment on the next agenda.

A public hearing was held on the Amending of the Norton General Fund Budget in the Amount of \$150,000 to Construct a Water Pump Station.

Mr. Ward advised the need for the City to construct a water pump station just off Hawthorne Road in the eastern section of the City had been discussed at a recently held council meeting. Also discussed was that this pump station had been a part of a Block Grant Project and an ARC Grant Project that had been constructed in 1988, but due to funding restraints, the pump station was not funded. It has been designed and approved by the Health Department and land has been secured for it. The City Administration feels the need for this station to meet our water needs in that area. Council had given an indication that they would be willing to consider this pump station but to do so, it will require an appropriation in the amount of \$150,000. To have this appropriation, it requires the budget be amended and if the budget is amended by more than 1%, it requires a public hearing. The City Administration is asking for this budget appropriation to be made tonight.

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Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the City of Norton General Fund Budget in the amount of \$150,000 to construct a Water Pump Station with said funds to come from the Unappropriated Reserves.

The City Manager was given permission to proceed with the construction of this pump station.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Adopting Article 2 (Section 18.2-266 ET SEQ.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 and Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, as Amended, pursuant to Section 26.2-1313 of the Code of Virginia which pertain to D.U.I. and Motor Vehicle provisions.

The City Attorney advised that the Commonwealth Attorney, Mr. Tim McAfee, is requesting passage of this ordinance prior to the July 1st effective date in order that there will not be a gap for them to be used by the proper authorities. He is also seeking passage of this from other localities as well. This is an ordinance that is adopted every year putting us in compliance with the State Code.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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There being no public comments, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion and advisement by the City Manager that the City Administration seeks favorable consideration, Council, upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting Article 2 (Section 18.2-266 Et Seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 and Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, As Amended, Pursuant to Section 46.2-1313 of the Code of Virginia. (Insert)

Council had been presented in their packets An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1995 Thru June 30, 1996 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All

Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

Mr. Ward gave a brief summary of this budget advising that the General Fund Budget is in the amount of \$5,498,999; the Water/Sewer Budget is in the amount of \$1,664,116; the City of Norton Schools Budget is in the amount of \$4,429,081; the Social Services Budget is in the amount of \$599,504; and the Down Town Revitalization Fund Budget is in the amount of \$1,103,500. The only increase of fees in this budget is that of water meter deposits going from \$40.00 to \$80.00.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1995 Thru June 30, 1996 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

Council had a request by the City Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue for computer services which will tie them into the Department of Taxation and the Division of Motor Vehicles which they feel will help them in performing their duties.

Mr. Ward advised the monthly reports of all three Constitutional Officers are now being sent by the GIS Computer recently purchased by the City. He further advised this request cannot be handled with the City's present computer system and will require additional computer equipment.

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Both the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue were present and Mr. Stallard, Treasurer, spoke on behalf of them.

Both Mr. Stallard and Mrs. Miller answered questions from Council.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Ward, in his meeting on Friday to discuss updating the City's mainframe computer, discuss with the technicians the most feasible and economical way to have these computer services secured for the Treasurer and Commissioner.

Mr. Ward advised that the City owns 16.34 acres of real property in the Lost Creek Section of the City which the City feels would be a nice piece of property to have developed into single family housing units since this area is in a Residential "A" Zone. Mr. Ward further advised that he had prepared a Request for Proposal to advertise for someone to develop this property. He is tonight seeking Council's direction.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed forward to advertise the Lost Creek Property for development.

Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting A Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Ward advised this is an annual resolution and a list of projects that will be funded both in the General Operating Fund and the Water/Sewer Fund. For the '95-'96 budget year, the first year projects will be funded. Years 2 thru 5 are for planning purposes only and are

subject to be changed.

Mayor Raines also advised that the City was awarded the Community Development Block Grant for Blight Removal in the downtown area.

Mr. Ward had before Council the drawing that was presented when the application for this grant was approved in order to show Council again what we would be doing with this money. The Manager went over the various aspects of this CDBG Project.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert) 17223

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended and the acquisition of real property for public purposes as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session. 17224

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back in regular session.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session. 17225

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering aye.

The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert) 17226

Mayor Raines advised as to the acquisition of real property for public purposes, the City had received a 90 day offer to buy the Super Service Garage Property from the Collins family. The City Manager is directed to advertise a public hearing on July 18th to amend the budget for the purpose of purchasing this property if Council so desires. 17227

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Lebanon Group Home Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire April 1, 1999.

William Mays nominated Carlos Noaks.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 17228

Mayor Raines declared Carlos Noaks appointed to the Lebanon Group Home Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire April 1, 1999.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Department of Social Services Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on May 22, 1999.

Ron McCall nominated Mrs. Barbara Reed. 17229

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Barbara Reed appointed to the Department of Social Services Advisory Board for a four year term which will

expire on May 22, 1999.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He will be out of town on vacation June 17 - June 24 and during his absence, Mr. Ramey will be in charge.

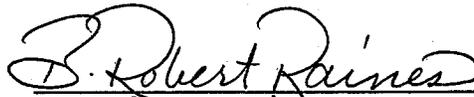
Reminded Council of the Best Friend Festival which will be held June 11 - June 18.

He is in receipt of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Six Year Plan and the City's request for the inclusion of an additional loop is not included. The bridge at Round Town is scheduled for 1996-1997.

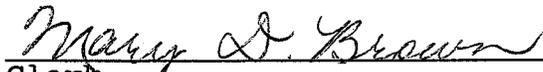
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk