

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 15, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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 the Assistant City Manager, Fred L. Ramey, Jr.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 1, 1995 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Bill Bevins, who is in the process of building a six bay car wash across from Burger King spoke to Council regarding the cost the City Administration is charging him for his sewer hook up. He stated that they wanted to charge him for a pro rated rate of 165,000 gallons per month and the total cost will be \$1,375.00. He feels that both the estimated monthly consumption and the charge is completely out of line and asked Council for some relief on this charge.

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Mr. Ward advised Council that the same policy was used on Mr. Bevins' request as is with all others connecting into the sewer system.

Following a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Bevins should pay the amount as specified by the City Administration and Council would look over the policy. Should there be any changes in this policy, Mr. Bevins will be notified.

Mr. Bevins stated he would be back at the next meeting to see if anything had been done on this policy.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Amending the Norton City Code Concerning the Sale of Beer, Wine, Other Alcoholic Beverages, Including Mixed Alcoholic Beverages, on Sunday; and Providing When the Amendment Shall Be Effective.

The City Manager stated this comes from a request from the Holiday Inn in which they wish to sell alcoholic beverages on New Year's Eve which falls on Sunday this year. The City Attorney advised the only way this could be done was by amending the existing ordinance. Mr. Ward advised this public hearing has been duly advertised and if the ordinance is adopted, only applies for New Year's Eve when it falls on a Sunday.

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Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Mr. Rick Ferree of the Holiday Inn spoke briefly to Council and advised they only want to sell on New Year's Eve when it falls on a Sunday.

There being no other public comments, the public hearing was closed.

There were no questions or comments from City Council. The City Attorney advised he felt the amendment to the ordinance was fine.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council adopted An Ordinance Amending the Norton City Code Concerning the Sale of Beer, Wine, Other Alcoholic Beverages, Including Mixed Alcoholic Beverages, on Sunday; and Providing When the Amendment Shall Be Effective. (Insert)

Mr. Ferree was advised to come in and fill out an application for a Special Use Permit.

Council had in their packets a request for concurrence on the selection of professional services for the Downtown Development Grant. Mr. Ward advised Council had earlier advised for the City Administration to meet with these firms and make recommendations to them. A committee comprised of the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and the Building Official has done this and make the following recommendations to Council: For the management services, the firm of K. W. Poore and Associates of Richmond and for the engineering services, the firm of Thompson and Litton of Wise.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council concurred with the recommendations of the City Administration for the firm of K. W. Poore and Associates of Richmond for the management services and the firm of Thompson and Litton of Wise for the engineering services for the Downtown Development Grant.

Council had five requests for sewer taps in the West Norton section of Wise County by Frederick Grady Lawson, Terry Hampton Powers, Frankie Stidham Robinette, Harlis Hampton Powers, and Robert Landon Robinette. The City Manager advised favorable consideration is requested from Council since we can provide sewer to these individuals and they are on City water.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved the five sewer requests to the five individuals listed above in the West Norton section of Wise County.

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Council had in their packets a copy of a check in the amount of \$112,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a check in the amount of \$112,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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The City Manager turned the floor over to Councilman Ron McCall for an update and discussion of the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority.

Mr. McCall advised that he and Councilman Mays both serve on this Authority. He advised the Authority is sound and is at a crossroads as to what it should be doing. A discussion ensued as to the inflow/infiltration problems being experienced by all three localities and the foreseeing of problems in the future.

Following a discussion, it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Ward arrange a meeting between the town managers, mayors, and vice mayors of the three localities to discuss the Authority and then maybe later a meeting with the entire three Councils.

Mayor Raines thanked Councilman McCall for this update.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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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)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 3, 1998.

William Mays nominated Mr. Ricky Clemons to be reappointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Ricky Clemons reappointed to the Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 3, 1998.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He is in receipt of a letter from the Governor stating he will not be able to attend the Ceremony for the opening of the Norton By-Pass. Secretary Martinez will attend along with the Highway Commission. A tentative date of 9/8/95 at 11:00 a.m. is being scheduled for this ceremony and will be confirmed on Wednesday, August 16th.

Passed out copies of the Virginia Enterprise Zones to members of Council and advised them if they had any questions to contact him.

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Passed out copies of the Comprehensive Report of Local Government Expenditures to the members of Council.

City is under a conditional permit to operate the dam at the Upper Reservoir and goes through a permitting process each year. Thompson and Litton has been hired to work with the people from Dam Safety and they will be coming to the next meeting to discuss this with Council.

Councilman Mays asked that prior to the next meeting he would like for Council to take a tour of the Hotel Norton. It was decided that Council would meet at City Hall at 6:30 and walk over for the tour. Mr. Ramey is to invite the members of the Norton Industrial Development Authority also.

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The City Attorney advised that the Department of Justice has

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approved the City's Policy on the Election of School Board Members.

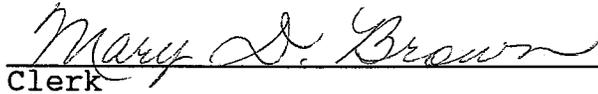
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary D. Brown
Clerk