

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, December 5, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Jenkins. At this time, Mayor Raines welcomed Terry Roop, Government Teacher at J. I. Burton High School, and several of his senior students. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mandy Thacker, a senior government student.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the November 21, 1995 meeting as presented. 17357

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 17358

A public hearing was held on the consideration of Public Dance Hall Permits to the Virginia-Kentucky Opry and the Holiday Inn.

Mr. Ward advised that a public hearing must be held and a permit issued by City Council for a period of one year.

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing. 17359

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

Police Chief Sam Mongle advised that neither he nor his Department objected to the renewal of these two permits.

Upon a motion from Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to reissue Public Dance Hall Permits to the Virginia-Kentucky Opry and the Holiday Inn for a period of one year.

A public hearing was held to consider the financial encumbrances of June 30, 1995 of the General Fund which totals \$380,994.35 and the School Operating Fund which totals \$779,142.32.

Mr. Ward advised the purpose of this public hearing is that anytime you appropriate funds which totals more than 1% of the total budget, a public hearing must be held. 17360

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Mr. Terry Roop advised Council that everyone has been enjoying the air conditioning at the school and that there had been many comments made stating how much the new windows enhanced the appearance of the building.

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

There were no questions or comments from Council after the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the appropriation of funds to pay the June 30th encumbrances in the amount of \$380,994.35 for the General Fund and \$779,142.32 for the School Operating Fund.

Council was given an update on the Norton Upper Dam Project by the City Manager and Mr. Mike Hatfield of Thompson and Litton. Mr. Ward showed those present a short video that showed the work that had been done. Mr. Hatfield answered questions of Council and advised the work should be completed this week.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Raines thanked the City Manager and Mr. Hatfield for the update.

Council had in their packets information regarding a Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant which covers a Criminal Records System Improvement Program.

Mr. Ward advised we were notified on November 6, 1995 that we had been awarded \$9,551 in Grant Funds for the improvement to our criminal record system. This is a matching grant and the amount of \$3,183.67 in local funds will need to be appropriated.

Police Chief Sam Mongle went over this grant with Council, answered Council's questions, and asked favorable consideration on this request.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance for this grant from the Department of Criminal Justice.

Council had a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$165,000 to cover payroll.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$165,000 to the Norton City Schools to cover payroll.

A Resolution declaring December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month was presented to Council for adoption.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council adopted A Resolution Declaring the Month of December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.  
(Insert)

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per Section 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Meeting.

Upon a motion by William Mays, 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.

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 Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised no action had been taken on appointments to the City of Norton Tourism Board.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Literary Loan in the amount of \$800,000 is expected to close on December 21st.

He had prepared for Council a hand-out which contains a summary on the City's audit which had been presented to Council at the last meeting by Thrower and Thrower.

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Mayor Raines expressed thanks to Parks and Recreation Director, Shelly Knox, and the other members of the Christmas Parade Committee for the parade this past Saturday evening.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk