

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 4, 1994 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 the City Manager which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vic Jones, a member of the Centennial Steering Committee.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 21, 1993 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines advised that the agenda was being amended under Item 7-C in New Business. Item 7-C-1 is being added and covers A Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to name the bridge on the by-pass the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

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A public hearing was held to consider an amendment to the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$165,000 to pay off an Norton Industrial Development Authority note.

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

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Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments and Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

The City Manager had advised that he included in Council's packet a Memorandum of Understanding which contained items that Council and NIDA had agreed upon at their work session.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following roll call vote: Roberts - NO; Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, Council moved to amend the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$165,000 with said funds to come from Unappropriated Reserves to pay off a Norton Industrial Development Authority note.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following roll call vote: Roberts - NO; Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, Council moved to allow the City Manager and City Treasurer to authorize disbursement of funds when all conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding have been met and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

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A public hearing was held to consider a proposed Municipal Sewer Transmission Rate of \$ .55 per 1000 gallons of flow.

Mr. Ward advised we did not have a Municipal Sanitary Sewer Transmission Rate on our books and we now have a need for same since Wise County is now transmitting leachate through our sanitary sewer lines from Blackwood to the C-N-W Plant at Coeburn. This was discussed with Council at an earlier meeting and the City Manager had recommended the price of \$ .55 per 1000 gallons of flow. The public hearing has been duly advertised.

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There was a brief discussion prior to the opening of the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

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 establish a rate of \$ .55 per 1000 gallons as a Municipal Sewer Transmission Rate.

Mrs. Robbie Tate, Chairman of the City of Norton Centennial Steering Committee gave Council a handout listing 27 events which will be held throughout the year and gave Council an update on the Steering Committee and their sub-committees. Council thanked Mrs. Tate and her Committee for their work on this project.

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Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Proclaiming January 1, 1994 Through December 31, 1994 as the City of Norton Centennial Celebration Year.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Proclaiming January 1, 1994 Through December 31, 1994 as the City of Norton Centennial Celebration Year. (Insert)

A copy of this resolution will be framed and hung in the Centennial Headquarters.

Council had in their packets a copy of a check in the amount of \$235,000 payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$235,000 payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Council had been presented with A Resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to name the bridge included in the by-pass running from the southside to the Holiday Inn area, "The Veterans Memorial Bridge".

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution requesting this above referred to bridge being named, "The Veterans Memorial Bridge". (Insert)

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The City Manager is to forward a copy of this resolution to VDOT.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised there was no action taken during the Executive Session.

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In City Manager comments, Mr. Ward advised:

The City's Access Channel (Channel 51) is now on line and Fred Ramey worked very hard last week to meet our deadline of 1/1/94.

Mr. Ward passed out to each member of Council a booklet containing information on each of the boards, commissions, and authorities that serve the City for Council's review and information.

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Councilman McCall stated this booklet would be very helpful.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

*R. Robert Raines*  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Mary S. Brown*