

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, November 15, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Jenkins, which was followed by the pledge led by Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the November 1, 1994 meeting as presented.

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Ruby Leho Edwards of 8th Street and Locust Avenue appeared before Council to discuss several items. One item was how long a train could block a crossing. Mrs. Leho advised she has sit as long as 20 minutes. The City Attorney looked this up in the Code and advised it was 5 minutes unless they were coupling or uncoupling and it would then be 8 minutes. He advised this was a criminal violation and the Police Department should be called. The other items Mrs. Edwards was concerned with were primarily regarding the Virginia Department of Highway and the work being done on the by-pass. Mayor Raines advised Mrs. Leho to contact the City Manager in order to get in touch with Mr. Lewis Ferguson, VDOT's contact person with the residents in that area and discuss these items with him. Another concern expressed by Mrs. Edwards was that she would like to see Locust Avenue widened to at least 30' or 40' and paved.

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Special recognition was given to the late C. L. Marcum, Commissioner of Revenue for the City. Mayor Raines read a resolution and then presented it to Mrs. Carol Schoolcraft, daughter of Mr. Marcum. The resolution advised that one copy would be incorporated into the minutes and another copy is to be hung at City Hall.

Mrs. Schoolcraft thanked Council for this presentation on behalf of her Mother. (Insert)

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A public hearing was held on the issuance of a Public Dance Hall Permit to Mr. Don Wax for the Virginia-Kentucky Opry.

Mr. Ward advised that the City had received a letter from Mr. Wax regarding this permit for his property located at 220-224 Park Avenue. He further advised that this public hearing had been duly advertised and that Mr. Wax was present to answer any questions which Council might have.

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Mayor Raines asked Mr. Wax to give Council an update on his establishment and welcomed Mr. Wax to the City.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Having no public comments, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved a Dance Hall Permit to Mr. Don Wax for the Virginia-Kentucky Opry for a one year period.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Providing a 3% Benefit Increase for Current and Future Retirees.

Mr. Ward advised this had been enacted by the 1994 General Assembly as Senate Bill 2008 and calls for a 3% benefit increase for current and future retirees of a political subdivision effective October 1, 1994. If the resolution is received by the Virginia Retirement Center by January 1, 1995, the increase will be made retroactive to October 1, 1994 for the retirees. If received after January 1, 1995, the benefit increase will be effective with the next available retirement payroll processed commendations.

Following a discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt an irrevocable Resolution Providing a 3% Benefit Increase for Current and Future Retirees. (Insert)

Council had been requested by the Department of Motor Vehicles to pass a resolution Recognizing Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution Recognizing Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. (Insert)

Council had a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$105,000.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$105,000 to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

The Mayor opened the floor for appointments to the Social Services Advisory Board for two 4 year terms.

Jack Wallace nominated Mrs. June Jones and Ms. Willie May Harris.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. June Jones and Ms. Willie May Harris appointed to the Social Services Advisory Board for four year terms which will expire November 15, 1998.

The Mayor opened the floor for an appointment to the Youth Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jerome Davis who has graduated. This term will run until May 2, 1995.

William Mays nominated Mr. Matt Frye.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Matt Frye appointed to the Youth Services Board for a term which will expire May 2, 1995.

In his comments, the City Manager:

Advised City offices would be closed November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Reminded Council that the Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 1994 and following that the tree lighting will be at the City Park.

Advised that a new GIS Mapping System is one line and showed Council a sample two maps that was done on the computer.

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Councilman Roberts advised that the Committee Members on the Veterans Memorial advised him their next step is to add three flags to the park - a U. S. Flag, Virginia Flag, and City Flag. This is to be a reminder that we need to start work on a City flag.

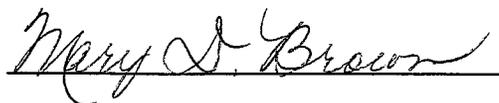
Mayor Raines advised that everyone who had a part in the Veterans Day Activity should be commended, especially Barbara Caruso, Anne Jacobe, and Robbie Tate.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
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B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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