

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 5, 1993 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. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 1992 meeting as presented. 15563

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 15564

A public hearing was held to enact a new Zoning Ordinance for the City and to repeal the existing zoning ordinance.

The City Manager gave a brief synopsis on the work which had been put into this new ordinance and advised it was not yet in final form.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Those speaking with concerns regarding this new ordinance were trailer park owners Randy Longworth of Wise, who owns a trailer park in the City limits, Mike Green of Green's Trailer Park, Kentucky Avenue, Norton, and E. C. Mullins, of the Ramsey Section of Norton, who owns a trailer park there. Also speaking was Mr. Glenn Teasley, a resident of Norton and also the owner of a manufactured home dealership in the City and Mr. Rudy Whitehorn, Kentucky Avenue, who owns a small mobile home as an investment.

The main concern of those who spoke was the distance which would have to be between mobile homes in mobile home parks. The City Attorney answered numerous questions from those who spoke.

Council also asked these individuals what they felt should be included in this ordinance.

There being no one else to speak on this item, the Mayor closed the public hearing. 15565

Following a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to table this item until further notice. The City Manager is to coordinate with the members of the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and those present tonight a meeting to discuss the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Also everyone is to have a copy of the latest draft of this ordinance.

Council had received a request in writing from the Holiday Inn to extend the hours of sale of mixed beverages from midnight Saturday to 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Mr. Roderick Ferree, General Manager, of the Holiday Inn was present as was Mr. Phillip Prince of Mosby's Restaurant, speaking in favor of this extension. Mr. Ferree advised he would answer any questions which Council might have.

Mayor Raines advised that this change would affect any establishment that sold alcoholic beverages. 15566

The City Attorney advised this change in time could be done by an amendment to the ordinance. It would have to be advertised for two weeks and a public hearing held.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy

Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to change the hours of sale of beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages and for the City Manager to advertise a public hearing for the first meeting in February.

The City Attorney is to check and see where ad for this public hearing should be placed in the newspaper and if necessary, ad should be put in both the legal section and a block style ad to make the public aware of this hearing.

Council had been presented a check in the amount of \$125,000 dated December 18, 1992 to the Norton City Schools to cover payroll.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$125,000 dated December 18, 1992 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in regular session.

The Clerk 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 of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised those appointments listed had been discussed but no action had been taken.

In his comments, the City Manager advised that the City had recently completed the Lead/Copper Sampling Program which is required for the Safe Water Drinking Act and Health Department regulations.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

In comments from Council, the Mayor advised he was in receipt of a letter from Judge Suzanne Fulton advising that effective February 1, 1993, court will not be held in the City of Norton and will be moved to the Court House in Wise.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for Mayor Raines to send a letter to Judge Fulton asking that this decision be reconsidered.

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



City Manager

ATTEST:



Clerk

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