

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, November 16, 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 the City Manager and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by the Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the October 26, 1993 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward advised that one of the three City ordinances being brought to Council tonight to discuss modifications is the Dance Hall Permit. This was brought to Council's attention when the Dance Hall Permits for Mosbys and the Holiday Inn were recently renewed for one year. This ordinance currently states that a dance hall cease operations at 1:00 a.m. and the extension on the mixed alcoholic beverage is until 2:00 a.m. Another question Council had was the renewal which has to be done on a yearly basis and discussion had been held on having a blanket permit which could be revoked if necessary. Also the City Attorney had provided Council with some information on this.

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The other two ordinances which the Treasurer wants to talk with Council are the Motor Vehicle License Ordinance and the Dog License Ordinance.

Following a discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manger to advertise a public hearing on the Dance Hall Ordinance to include items 1, 2, and 3 of the information provided by the City Attorney and to clear up any inconsistencies we now have.

City Treasurer, Joe Stallard, spoke to Council regarding the current Motor Vehicle Ordinance as far as rates for pick-up trucks and vans. Vans pay a cost of \$10.00 for decals and all trucks are \$12.00.

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Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to advertise a public hearing to be held in December and the decal costs would be based on weights of vehicles.

Mr. Stallard spoke to Council regarding the Dog License Ordinance primarily concerning the Kennel License which covers up to 20 dogs. At present, we only sell one of these licenses. Mr. Stallard felt that the purchaser of kennel tags should buy a business license prior to buying the kennel tag.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to make no changes on this ordinance at the present time.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution covering the destruction of old bonds and bond coupons.

The Treasurer advised that in order to destroy these items, the State Library and Archives has advised him the governing body needs to give him permission. The resolution states that a Committee made up of the Treasurer, City Manager, and City Clerk be established to supervise and witness the destruction of these bonds.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution covering the destruction of these bonds and coupons. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Council he had a request from Norton Community Hospital to

utilize City right-of-way on 14th Street to put a fence up to conceal their garbage dumpsters. He further advised, if granted, this would be in the form of a revocable permit and that the only problem he sees with it is that the fence will be almost against the pavement. Other than this safety factor, the City Administration recommends the approval of this request.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to grant a revocable permit to the Norton Community Hospital for the installation of a fence on 14th Street subject to the approval of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Ward is to follow through on this and advise Norton Community Hospital of tonight's actions.

Council had in their packets a request by Old Dominion Power Company for an easement across City property. Mr. Ward advised this was in the Kentucky Avenue Area around the old 4th Street area. Due to the by-pass, a power line needs to be relocated.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council for the City Manager to ask Old Dominion if they can redesign this path of relocation of this power line and for a representative to be present when this is brought back to Council.

Council had been furnished with a letter to Dr. A. S. Armentrout, Superintendent of Norton City Schools, from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of the Treasury regarding the Virginia Public School Authority Bond Refunding.

Mr. Ward advised that the letter is in reference to the Virginia Public School Authority VPSA School Bonds that had been refunded. In June of 1993, the VPSA refunded a number of its outstanding bonds and this resulted in a Debt Service Savings and the Virginia Public School Authority wishes to distribute these savings to the different localities who sold bonds to the VPSA which was purchased with the proceeds of this refunding. In order to get its share of the savings, the VPSA requires the City issue new bonds in exchange for its old bonds that are currently held by the VPSA. The City will then receive the cancelled bonds and an allocable share of savings. The savings to the City of Norton is \$14,196. Mr. Ward advised that our Debt Service does not change. We still pay the same debt.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City Manager check into all aspects of this matter and bring additional information back to Council.

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 probable or actual litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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.

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 William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

Council has a work session with NIDA on Thursday, November 18, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

He had given to each Council member the latest supplement of the Code which

the covers ordinances up to July 20, 1993.

The audit will be presented at the next meeting.

There were no comments from Council or the City Attorney.

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