

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 7, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Linda Sturgill, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Absent: Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Kenneth P. Asbury, City Attorney

Mayor Raines welcomed and acknowledged Ms. Suzanne Pahl, the new reporter for the Coalfield Progress.

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Mr. Butch Hutchinson.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 17, 1991 meeting as presented.

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

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Council had been presented with a request by Dr. Sabry Radawi to use City right-of-way for construction of a driveway for a home he is building on Murphy Street.

Mr. Ward advised that the City Administration feels the driveway is acceptable; however the City may require a retaining wall be built and Dr. Radawi has agreed to this stipulation if he is granted a revokable license.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to issue a revocable license to Dr. Sabry Radawi for the construction of a driveway on City right-of-way on property located on Murphy Street with the stipulation that a retaining wall be constructed if so desired by the City.

Council had in their packets a copy of a check in the amount of \$175,000 payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to confirm a check in the amount of \$175,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Council had received requests from both the Norton City Schools and the Norton Rescue Squad for renewal of their Bingo/Raffle Permits and that the waiver of the permit fee be granted.

At this time, Vice Mayor William Mays declared himself ineligible on the issue of the Norton Rescue Squad since he is President of that organization.

Mr. Ward advised all paper work had been completed by both organizations and that the City Administration was asking for favorable consideration on these permits.

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Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council renewed the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton City Schools with the waiver of fee granted.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by the following vote: Sturgill, Wallace, and Raines - AYE, Mays - ABSTAINED, Council renewed the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton Rescue Squad with the waiver of fee granted.

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.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Equalization for a one year period.

Linda Sturgill nominated Mr. Jim Daniels, Mr. Tom Cassell, and Mr. Bill Witt.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Jim Daniels, Mr. Tom Cassell, and Mr. Bill Witt as nominees to the Board of Equalization with these names being submitted to the Circuit Court by the City Attorney.

In his comments, the City Manager advised Council that the Disclosure Forms were due in to the Clerk by January 15, 1992.

In the annual chipping of the green, the City chipped 860 trees on Saturday, January 4, 1992, which was 500 more than what had been done last year. The Parks and Recreation Department gave out 250 pine seedlings also.

He was in receipt of a letter from Sue Noblin of the Virginia Relay Center advising of a one year anniversary celebration on Saturday, February 1, 1992, from 10:00 until 2:00 and that Council is invited.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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Mayor Raines announced a work session is to be held immediately after this Council meeting on the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

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


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk