

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 21, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Linda Sturgill

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Mr. Dan Still, City of Norton Fire Chief.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 7, 1992 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines announced an amendment to the agenda under New Business - Item 7, the addition of Item C-1 - A Resolution Authorizing Night Deposits.

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

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A public hearing was held to solicit public input on local Community Development and Housing needs in relation to Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments and Mayor Raines left the public hearing open in case any public input would come in later in the discussion.

Mr. Ward announced the City was again eligible to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. He further advised Mr. Glen Skinner of Lenowisco was present to answer any questions. Mr. Ward went over a map and showed Council four projects which could be used for this grant. These four projects were: New water line on East Park Avenue, upgrade section of main water line in Ramsey from the old Sewage Treatment Plant to Davis Chapel Church, new water tank on Ridge Avenue area, and a potential water and sewer project in the Hoot Owl Hollow area. He further advised the Administration had no recommendations for Council.

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Mr. Ward advised Council he felt the City should apply for a Planning Grant this summer to do a water/sewer infrastructure evaluation to look at all the projects we need and prioritize them.

Mr. Skinner spoke to Council and answered questions from the members of Council.

Rev. Wayne Harrison spoke briefly during the public hearing regarding the regulations regarding the inspection of the water tank on Ridge Avenue.

Following a discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City Manager and Mr. Skinner decide which is the best project to submit and bring same back to Council and also to definitely apply for the Planning Grant this summer.

A public hearing was held to solicit public input as per Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, for the appointment of school board members. Any names submitted must be done so during a public hearing at least seven days prior to the appointment.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public comments.

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The City Manager advised several names had been given to him for consideration. These names are: Jeff Cantrell, Jack Kennedy, Walley Witt, Charlie Graham, Buzzy Witt, Major Griffey, Kathleen Deponte, Greg Stewart, Dr. Parmod Sapra, Amelia Harris, Bardin Thrower, and Randy Stidham.

There were no public comments during the public hearing and the Mayor closed

the public hearing.

Mayor Raines expressed both his appreciation and that of Council to Dr. Marty Prince and his family for his dedication and service to the City of Norton School Board.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending and Reenacting Section 23-254 and 23-255 of the Code of the City of Norton, Virginia with Reference to the Duty of Seller of Local Telephone Service to Collect, Report, and Remit And Seller's Compensation in Relation to An Enhanced E-911 Emergency Telephone System to be Operated by the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised Council that in order for he and the City Attorney to take the necessary steps to establish an E-911 Program in the City the following needs to be done: 1. Amend the E-911 Ordinance passed in 1985 where these two sections are listed for tariffs to come to the City Treasurer rather than the County Treasurer. 2. Item 7-A is Adoption of a Resolution revoking the previous resolution endorsing a Regional E-911. 3. Item 7-B is a resolution that authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with the C&P Telephone Company and also authorizes the City Administration to contact Wise County and request all previous collected tariff monies to be sent to the City Treasurer. After this, the City will be in a position to start the establishment of an E-911 Project.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

Betty Lewis, West Main Avenue, asked if the system that was in Appalachia would be an option for the City in that there is no cost.

Mr. Ward advised the City had looked at that and from a legal perspective, it is legally not E-911 and you cannot collect tariffs for same.

There were no further public comments and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending and Reenacting Section 23-254 and 23-255 of the Code of the City of Norton, Virginia with Reference to the Duty of Seller of Local Telephone Service to Collect, Report and Remit and Seller's Compensation in Relation to an Enhanced E-911 Emergency Telephone System to be Operated by the City of Norton. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Revoking and Nullifying a Joint Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Wise County, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, and the Town Council of the Towns of Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, Wise, and St. Paul, Virginia Adopted in November of 1985.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Revoking and Nullifying a Joint Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Wise County, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, and the Town Council of the Towns of Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, Wise, and St. Paul, Virginia Adopted in November of 1985. (Insert)

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to Provide Emergency Telephone Service to the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised that this resolution also authorizes the City Administration to request previously collected tariff monies to be readmitted to the City Treasurer and also specifies the continuing of the present tariff rate.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by

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unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to Provide Emergency Telephone Service to the City of Norton. (Insert)

Council discussed at length the purchase of new fire equipment consisting of one elevating platform truck and two pumper trucks at an estimated cost of \$750,000 and had been presented with a set of bid specifications for Council's review.

Present representing the Fire Department were Chief Dan Still, Lieutenant Marty Hagy, and several other members.

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Glenn Skinner of Lenowisco was also present to discuss the financing of these trucks with the Farmers Home Administration.

Following this discussion, it was the consensus of Council for bids to be solicited on all three vehicles with an option to purchase the elevating platform truck and one pumper and an option for the purchase of the elevating platform truck.

In order to get approval from the FHA on the funding for these vehicles, Council had been presented with A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Virginia.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Virginia covering financing for fire equipment in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. (Insert)

Council had been presented with A Resolution Authorizing Night Deposits.

Mr. Ward advised since the City's bank of record, Sovran Bank, had changed to NationsBank they need a document on file which authorizes the City Treasurer to enter into a Night Depository Agreement.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing Night Deposits. (Insert)

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

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

Mayor Raines announced there was no action taken on an appointment to the Norton City School Board, the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, or the Housing Appeals Board.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised that the annual Capital Improvement Plan meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 1992 at 3:00 p.m. in the AT&T Conference Room. Should there be any changes, Mr. Ward will advise Council.

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Mr. Ward also advised that he will be out of town from January 31 until February 5, 1992, and Mr. Fred Ramey will be in charge during his absence.

There were no comments from either the City Attorney or Council.

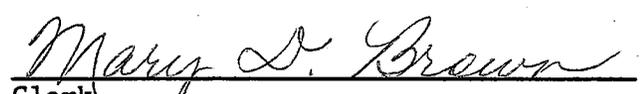
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk