

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 15, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: 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 Father Tom Collins and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Assistant City Manager Fred L. Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 1, 1992 meeting as presented.

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There was no response to the Mayor's call for the audience for visitors. 15489

Having been invited to attend a City Council meeting, representatives of MCA Cable, Freddie Dean and Morris Hubbard, gave a presentation to Council on their newly established television cable business. Presently they have franchises in Wise, Coeburn, and sections of Wise County and expressed an interest in coming to Norton.

Following his presentation, Mr. Dean answered questions from Council.

Mayor Raines thanked both Mr. Dean and Mr. Hubbard for their presentation.

Mr. Dean advised they would be back in the future to seek a franchise for the City of Norton.

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City Treasurer Joe Stallard made his annual report to Council and brought them up-to-date on tax collections. Mr. Stallard advised that 96.6% of the 1991 taxes had been collected.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Stallard for his presentation and advised that Council appreciated the efforts of his office.

Mayor Raines advised that he had a conflict with the next agenda item which is a request to use City property for a drive-way by Johnny and Renee Robinson. At this time, he turned the floor over to Vice Mayor William Mays.

Mr. Ward advised Mr. and Mrs. Robinson wished to build a house on property they own off of East Park Avenue and off 3rd and 4th Streets. They wish to have access to this property on the 3rd Street side and this property is owned by the School Board. After being checked by School Board officials and the resident engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation, the School Board was advised they should deed this property to the City and the City issue a permit for this easement. This has been done.

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Two recommendations were made to the Robinsons by VDOT's resident engineer, Leland Branham, and City Building Official Richard Hurt. The Robinsons agreed to both.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized a revocable permit be issued to Johnny and Renee Robinson. Mayor Raines abstained from voting on this item.

At this time, Vice Mayor Mays turned the floor back over to Mayor Raines and advised he had a conflict with the next item and would be abstaining from any participation on it.

Mr. Ward advised the City Attorney had prepared a lease agreement between the City and the Norton Rescue Squad covering the property on West Main Avenue. This property was paid for with City funds and the deed is in the City's name. Also the Kentucky Avenue Building is almost vacant and Council needs to advise what disposition should be made of this property. The City Administration

and the School Board know of no need they have for same.

Mr. Ward further advised the lease is for five years with quarterly payments of \$6,000. The first payment will be due September 30, 1992. Council was advised that the Rescue Squad has no problems with this lease.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following roll call vote, Wallace, Raines, McCall - YES, Mays - ABSTAIN, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Rescue Squad.

As to the disposition of the Kentucky Avenue Property, a motion was made by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following roll call vote, Wallace, Raines, McCall - YES, Mays - ABSTAIN, Council authorized the City Manager to go through the proper procedures to advertise and sell this property.

Council had been presented in their packets a copy of a check in the amount of \$120,000 made payable 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 approve a check in the amount of \$120,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Session 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)

15496

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Community Services Board for a term to expire May 1, 1994.

Jack Wallace nominated Mrs. Barbara Caruso.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Barbara Caruso appointed to the Community Services Board for a term which will expire on May 1, 1994.

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Norton City Council.

William Mays nominated Mr. Roy R. Roberts.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Roy R. Roberts appointed to the Norton City Council for a term which will expire June 30, 1994.

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations of a Youth Representative to the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Jerome Davis.

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. Jerome Davis appointed as a Youth Representative to the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth with said term expiring May 2, 1995.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He has met with residents of the 13th Street, N. W. area regarding their drainage problem and they are willing to give the City an easement. They were very appreciative of the City's interest in this problem. The City will continue to work on this. 15500

At our next council meeting, October 6th, there will be two public hearings held. One will be on the Noise Ordinance and the other on the Fire and Burglar Alarm Ordinance.

The City's reservoir level is now at 90.95 mg.

Mayor Raines advised he had signed a Proclamation authorizing the week of September 17 through 23, 1992 as Constitution Week in the City of Norton. 15501
(Insert)

There were no comments from Council. 15502

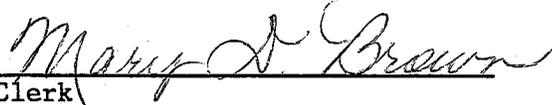
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk