

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 16, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by City Manager Ward followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 19, 1991 meeting as presented.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 2, 1991 meeting as presented with a spelling correction to be made.

During the Audience for Visitors, Mrs. Cleta Reim, 110 - 6th Street, Norton, requested Council designate two parking spaces in front of her apartments located across from the Police Department. She also inquired as to whether the City would be interested in purchasing this property.

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Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines advised Mrs. Reim to proceed with the City Manager and the Police Chief to see if a solution can be found.

The City Manager presented to Council the Proposed Paving Schedule for 1991 with an estimated cost of \$215,120.00. Mr. Ward went over this list with Council. He further advised the City has budgeted the amount of \$150,000 for paving plus an additional appropriation from the Wise County Coal Haul Road Committee in the amount of \$48,000 which totals approximately \$200,000.00 for paving. Mr. Ward feels that the City can come within these guidelines.

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Mr. Ward was seeking Council's consensus on this paving list in order that he may advertise for bids.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the paving schedule as presented by the City Manager.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the bid opening had been held on the extension of the sanitary sewer to the Water Treatment Plant and that the lower of the two bids received was in the amount of \$106,850. Advising the City cannot expend this amount of money for this project, the Manager sought authorization from Council to either reject all bids, negotiate with the low bidder for a more reasonable price, to rebid the project, or maybe redesign the project.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate with the low bidder for a more reasonable price within range and, if this cannot be done, to reject all bids advising this needs to be done as soon as possible.

The City Treasurer submitted two requests for refunds of personal property taxes due to errors in the Debt Set-Off Process.

Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the refund in the amount of \$96.00 to Audrey Carol Dean, P. O. Box 332, Norton, Va.

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Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the refund in the amount of \$47.75 to Ruby E. Brown, P. O. Box 205, Norton, Va.

In their packets, Council had been presented with a copy of a check to the

Miners Exchange Bank in the amount of \$100,000.00 covering a Certificate of Deposit for Council's confirmation.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council confirmed a check in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Miners Exchange Bank for a Certificate of Deposit.

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 Section 2.1-344 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended. This covers an appointment to the Lebanon Group Home Board of Directors. This was amended to include appointments to the City of Norton School Board.

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

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The Mayor declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting.

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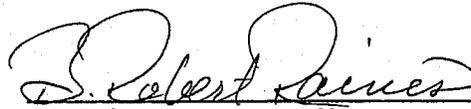
Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised discussions were held but no appointments had been made.

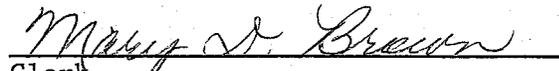
There were no comments from the City Manager, City Attorney, or City Council.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned and Council went into a work session on the proposed budget.


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk