

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 16, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Absent: Cliff Daniels

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

The invocation was given by City Manager E. W. Ward followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the January 2, 1990 regular meeting be approved as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Eugene Dingus of Norton came forward and asked Council about a tax exemption for disabled individuals. He had read in the Coalfield where Wise County had passed such an ordinance.

The City Attorney advised there are such taxes and Norton has only a tax exemption for the elderly.

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Following a brief discussion, Council instructed the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance and also prepare some information as to what impact the passage of such a tax exemption would have on the City.

Mr. Owen Powers, Hammer Avenue, Norton, came forward and talked to Council regarding a pitt bull dog owned by his neighbor. Mr. Powers advised that he and others were afraid to go out in the yard due to this dog and wanted to know if anything could be done by the City.

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Vice Mayor Raines referred this item to the City Attorney who advised that there are model ordinances available and that he would do some research in this area. Mr. Asbury advised he would keep Mr. Powers and Council advised of his findings.

Mr. Powers also advised Council of a need for a street light in his area. He stated that former City Manager Mickey Newman had advised these lights were included in the current budget at the time of his tenure.

Mr. Ward advised that the City had the Highway and Safety Commission which handled this type of request and that he would give this request to them to decide upon and they will, in turn, advise the City Manager. Mr. Ward will then advise Old Dominion.

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Mr. Dingus again spoke to Council advising that Virginia Avenue, Northeast in the areas of 4th and 5th Streets had a need for street lights also. Mr. Ward advised that this item will be presented to the Highway and Safety Commission.

Council had been presented with a request from the Norton City Schools for the renewal of their Bingo and Raffle Permit.

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Vice Mayor Raines advised that the application for this permit needed to be filled out on the form contained in the ordinance and this had not been done. In view of this, Council moved to table this item until the next meeting when the application can be submitted on the proper form.

Councilman William Mays advised Council that he would be abstaining on discussion and voting on Item 6-B which is an application for the renewal of a Bingo/Raffle Permit for the City of Norton Rescue Squad.

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Mr. Ward advised Council that he had looked over this application and the information provided by the Rescue Squad and that the Administration recommends the renewal of this application and the waiver of the fee.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Roberts, Wallace, Raines, YES, and Mays ABSTAINING, Council

moved to renew the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the City of Norton Rescue Squad and to waive the fee.

Mr. Ward presented Mr. Robert Parks, Executive Director of the Rural Development Association to Council. Mr. Parks presented Council with information regarding his Association as to by-laws, etc. Mr. Parks discussed with Council the work of RADA and advised they had done work in Norton and Wise County since 1984.

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Following a discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to table this resolution until the next meeting in order that they have time to read the information supplied by Mr. Parks.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and discussion as relates to contracts as per 2.1-344 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mr. Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

Mr. 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 member answering aye. The Clerk then read a Resolution of the City of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting.

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

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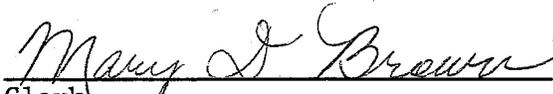
Mr. Raines advised the appointment to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority had been tabled and that there were no comments as to legal.

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There were no comments from the City Manager, City Attorney, or Council and no further business to come before Council; therefore the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Robert Raines, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk