

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 1, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Absent: Robert Raines

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and followed by the pledge of allegiance which was lead by the Chief of Police, Sam Mongle.

Vice Mayor Mays advised that Mayor Raines had been called out of town due to an illness in his family and therefore was not present at tonight's meeting.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 18th meeting as presented.

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

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In their packets, Council had A Resolution Establishing a School Health Insurance Premium Fund which the City Manager is asking for favorable consideration. The City Schools received a check on March 11th in the amount of \$64,451.79. This is a result of the demutualization of Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Virginia where they converted from a mutual insurance company to a stock corporation. Upon this conversion, there was a disposition of stock and cash for policy holders of record. The General Assembly regulated this matter this past session with House Bill 2640 and put stipulations on how this money could be expended. The General Assembly required that the treasurer of each locality be authorized by the governing body to establish a fund which would be known, in our case, as The City of Norton School Health Insurance Premium Fund. If this resolution is adopted, this fund will be established and the funds will be transferred into this account. This account will be controlled by the City as the House Bill states further that no disbursement from this fund can be made except upon specific appropriation of the governing body. Another fund could be set up; however we cannot do that particular fund as we did not receive a request from the School Board by January 1st. The funds will be used solely to offset health insurance premium

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expenses incurred by or on behalf of present and future employees of the Norton City Schools.

Mr. Ward also advised that at a later meeting the School Board would probably have a recommendation as to how they would like to expend this money.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted A Resolution Establishing a School Health Insurance Premium Fund. (Insert)

Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring the Month of April 1997 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton. Mr. Ward advised that posters from the annual Poster Contest and Trash Art Contest winners were on display in Council Chambers tonight and also advised of the Glad Bag-A-Thon Pick Up Day which will be Saturday, April 12th and the Adopt A Truck Program which will run from April 11th to April 21st.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring the Month of April 1997 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton. (Insert)

Council had a request for one (1) water tap for Mr. John F. Peters of 6044-B West Norton Road, which is located in the County. Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Roberts - NO, Wallace, Mays, and McCall - YES, Council moved to approve one water tap for Mr. John F. Peters of 6044-B West Norton Road.

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The City Manager had provided Council with a list of streets on our Annual City Paving List which are designated to be paved this year. He further advised that these are the streets we desire to pave this year in some form or fashion; however he does not want to be committed to this list from the standpoint of that we may be utilizing some of our paving funds for our downtown project. Also the amount of \$116,635 is just an estimate based on \$40.00 per ton.

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It was the consensus of Council for the City Administration to proceed with the list provided.

Council had a check in the amount of \$132,000 to be approved which was payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$132,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The City Council had received an invitation from Mr. William Sturgill to tour his property on 5th Street prior to the April 15th Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. This site is the first conditional zoning area approved by Council.

With regard to the Downtown Revitalization Project, he had met with the contractor and they are to begin work on April 7th. They have 180 days to complete this project.

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The City reservoir opens Saturday, April 5th at Noon and has been stocked with trout. This also coincides with the Big Benge Contest sponsored by the Norton Fire Department.

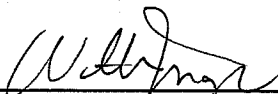
In comments from the City Attorney, he advised that the attorneys for Loreto Heights had invited Council to go and look over the former Clemons property since it has been cleaned up.

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There were no comments from Council.

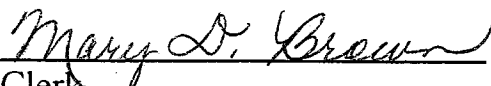
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk