

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 20, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

Mayor Raines welcomed Mr. Terry Roop, Government Teacher at J. I. Burton High School, and several of his students and Boy Scout Troop #173 and their leader, Mrs. Pam Honeycutt.

The invocation was given by Rev. Steve Emory and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Boy Scout Troop #173.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 6, 1993 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Mrs. Honeycutt advised Council that her Boy Scout Troop was ready and willing to be of service to the City in any way and that she had been in touch with the City Manager.

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Mayor Raines advised the agenda was being amended to add Item #6-C under Old Business to include a request for a water tap in the County for Samuel and Shirley Maggard.

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Council had a request for a sewer tap in the Josephine Section of the County for Mr. Bill Willis. Mr. Ward advised this tap would be connected to the line owned in Josephine by the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority and this had been approved by Mr. E. E. Brooks, Executive Director of that Authority.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a sewer tap in the county for Mr. Bill Willis.

Council had a request from Mr. Townzil Mullins for two water taps and two sewer taps in the County. This location is in the Ramsey section but is not in the corporate limits. Mr. Mullins wishes to start a mobile home park in that area. Mr. Ward advised the sewer at this location is the main interceptor of the C-N-W and we would need the approval of the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority for these sewer taps.

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Following a brief discussion, it was decided the water and sewer taps would be voted on separately.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following vote: AYE - Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Ron McCall, NAY - Roberts, Council moved to approve the two water taps for Mr. Townzil Mullins located in the County in the Ramsey area.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the two sewer taps for Mr. Townzil Mullins in the County based on the approval of the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority.

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Mr. Ward had received today a request for a water tap in the County for Samuel and Shirley Maggard. This location is also in the Ramsey section but is not in the corporate limits.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the

following vote, AYE - Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Ron McCall, NAY - Roy Roberts, Council moved to approve a water tap in the county for Samuel and Shirley Maggard.

Council had a request by Vecellio & Grogan, contractors awarded the Norton By-Pass Project by the Virginia Department of Transportation, to utilize City property. Their request is to use a portion of the old CCC Camp in the Lost Creek Section with 100,000 yards of dirt. Approximately five acres will be used for the fill dirt. After this is done, there would be a 2.2 acres site that will be level in this location and Vecellio & Grogan will build a road to this area with all work being done according to the guidelines of VDOT regulations. Also this land would have to be timbered. Vecellio & Grogan could do this or the City could go in and have a timber sale. The City Manager had information on this in Council's packets.

Mr. Larry McLaughlin, Vice President - Construction, Vecellio & Grogan, was present and answered questions of Council.

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A motion was made by William Mays, and seconded by Roy Roberts to allow Vecellio and Grogan to utilize City property. After a discussion, Mr. Mays withdrew his motion and Mr. Roberts withdrew his second due to Council's consensus to go as a group to view the property in question.

The City Manager is to schedule a time when all Council members can do this.

Council had in their packets the revisions to the proposed City Zoning Ordinance. These changes are the results of the work sessions, public hearings, and work with Mr. Jim McAden of Balzer and Associates by the City Manager and City Attorney.

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Mr. Ward went over the revisions with Council.

Following a discussion, a decision was made on a definition with "Common Ownership" selected by Council. It was recommended that another public hearing be held and a final draft sent to Council before passage.

Mr. Ward is to get the revisions done and advertise for a public hearing.

The City Administration presented to Council the Annual Paving Schedule. Mr. Ward advised they would like to do as much of this paving as the \$150,000 allocated would allow. He also advised that the Dorchester Road is such a big project that only the portion from the bridge to Greater Wise would be done this year and the rest would be done next year as best we can.

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It was the consensus of Council to accept the recommendation of the City Administration on the Annual Paving Schedule.

A Resolution Supporting Housing Awareness and Action Week had been included in Council's packet for passage. Mr. Ward asked for Council's favorable consideration.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Supporting Housing Awareness and Action Week. (Insert)

Mr. Paul Kuczko spoke to Council regarding funding for the City's participation in the Historic Survey of Wise County and the City of Norton. Also present and speaking briefly to Council was Mr. Tom Costas of Clinch Valley College. Mr. Kuczko advised that Wise County, Coeburn, and Big Stone Gap had already moved to join in this venture.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to support the Historic Society of Wise County and the City of Norton in the amount of \$2,000 which will come from Contingency if the grant is awarded.

Mr. Ward presented to each member of Council a copy of the City of Norton

1991-92 Annual Report and credited this document to the work of Fred Ramey, Assistant City Manager.

Council advised the report looked very professional and they were pleased with same.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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; and Probable Litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) 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 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 Meeting with each answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised there was no announcement to be made regarding probable litigation.

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Black Diamond Rural Conservation Development Council.

William Mays nominated Mr. Jack Wallace.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Wallace appointed to the Black Diamond Rural Conservation Development Council.

The Mayor advised there were no appointments made to the Planning District One Disability Services Board or to the Centennial Committee.

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In his announcements, the City Manager advised:

That he and the City Attorney has a meeting scheduled with the area American Legion to discuss the disposition of the American Legion Cabin site at May 4th at 6:30. This is our regular Council Meeting night and the meeting will be held prior to our council meeting.

The old Rescue Squad Building on Kentucky Avenue has been sold for \$50,000 to Mr. Tom O'Toole.

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This is the Annual Keep Norton Clean Week and the City is again sponsoring free pick ups and Rent-A-Trucks to the citizens and businesses of Norton. Also the first Annual Earth Day Fair will be held at the Norton Community Center on Friday, April 23rd from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 Noon. Saturday, April 24th will be the Annual Clean-Up Day which will be manned by Parks and Recreation Director Michele Knox at the City Parking Lot beside the Coalfield Progress.

There were no comments from Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown
Clerk