

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 18, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Absent: Linda Sturgill and Ron McCall

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Assistant City Manager 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 February 4, 1992 meeting as presented.

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

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Ms. Ricki Johnson, Director of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library, was introduced to Council by Mr. Ward and gave Council a brief report on the library. Mayor Raines extended to Ms. Johnson his appreciation for her presentation.

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Council had been presented in their packets a Resolution of the Governing Body of City of Norton which covers the financing of the new fire trucks. Mr. Ward explained to Council the requirements issued in the resolution and its attachments and the City Attorney advised that this was merely a formality and approved all documents.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of Governing Body of City of Norton. (Insert)

Council had been given a letter from Mr. Billy J. Robinette asking that the petition he circulated and presented to Council for water and sewer in the Hoot Owl Hollow section of Norton be withdrawn. Mr. Ward advised he had received a phone call from Mr. Robinette on this matter also.

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Due to Council's direction of expending up to \$5,000 for a preliminary engineering study at the time the petition was presented in October of 1991, the City Manager sought Council's advice on how to proceed.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for Mr. Ward to contact Mr. Robinette and see if he would get a petition circulated cancelling the first one. The City Attorney had advised a petition cannot be rescinded unless all individuals who signed it agree to the withdrawal.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, 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 William Mays, 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 opened the floor for nominations to the Coeburn-Norton-Wise

Regional Sewer Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Cliff Daniels.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Ron McCall.

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. Ron McCall appointed to the Coeburn-Norton-Wise Regional Sewer Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Cliff Daniels which will expire on May 15, 1992.

Mayor Raines announced there was no action taken on the appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

On the appointments to the Highway Safety Commission, the Mayor asked the City Manager to explain the purpose of this commission and also explain why the various terms.

Mr. Ward advised this Commission has been established for many years and several of its 13 members have served long terms. Now some of these individuals wish to resign and also the Commission, along with the City Administration, would like to reduce the number of members to 9 effective January 1, 1992.

The Commission would like to have 4 one year appointments which will expire January 1, 1993, 4 two year appointments to expire on January 1, 1994, and the last appointment of a student made by the high school.

Mayor Raines advised this item would be placed on the next agenda.

The City Manager advised this Commission has a variety of duties such as: looking at traffic flows, one way streets, street lights, stop signs, etc.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Equalization for a one year term.

William Mays nominated Mr. Otis E. Mullins.

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

Mayor Raines declared the name of Mr. Otis E. Mullins be submitted to the Circuit Court Judge as a member of the City of Norton Board of Equalization.

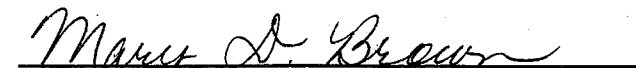
In his comments, the City Manager advised that he had met with the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on February 13th and discussed Council's concerns regarding the Zoning Ordinance. They will meet to finish this discussion at their regular meeting in March and this ordinance will be brought back to Council in the spring.

There were no comments from either the City Attorney or Council.

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


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk