

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 2, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Wayne Harrison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Milford Thacker, Commander, Chapter 56, Disabled Veterans, of Wise, Va.

Due to a lack of a second of a motion by Jack Wallace to accept the minutes of the council meeting of March 19, 1991, these minutes will be brought back for approval at the April 16, 1991 meeting.

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Commander Milford Thacker, Chapter 56, Disabled Veterans, of Wise, Virginia came forward during the call for visitors.

Mr. Thacker asked Council to institute the procedure of selling a life time fishing license to 100% totally disabled veterans for a fee of \$5.00.

Mr. Ward advised, in order to do this, that a public hearing would have to be held and an ordinance passed.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to proceed with the advertisement of a public hearing and to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance on this item.

Mr. Marty Hagy, Chairman of the City of Norton School Board, was present and presented to Council the City of Norton School Board Budget for 1991-1992. The School Board requested the following from Council: Permission to use the 1990-1991 surplus funds to provide air conditioning in two of the Vocational Education Computer Classrooms in the amount of \$15,000.00; The amount of \$10,000 to go into a Textbook Fund for new textbooks; and any other surplus money to be used to buy coal, custodial supplies, and instructional supplies for next year; provide for a two percent salary incentive for their employees; increase their Debt Service by \$31,000; and provide an additional \$75,000 local funding to help offset the \$155,000 reduction in State Aid.

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Mr. Hagy advised the School Board was asking for a total of local dollars from the City in the amount of \$1,283,715 out of a total budget of \$3,979,052. He also advised there is the possibility wherein the School Board may receive an additional \$20,760 than had been anticipated from the State. Dr. Armentrout, who was also present, advised in all probability the budget request of the City would be amended deducting this amount.

Vice Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Hagy for his presentation and also expressed his thanks to the School Board for their hard work.

Mr. Ward advised Council that he had received an application for a Bingo/Raffle Permit along with a check to cover the fee for the Norton Kiwanis Club.

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At this time, Councilman Jack Wallace advised he would abstain from all discussion and vote on this item as he is a member of the Norton Kiwanis Club.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following vote: Sturgill, Mays, and McCall - AYE, Wallace, ABSTAIN, Council approved a Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton Kiwanis Club waiving the permit fee.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring the Month of April, 1991 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton.

Mr. Ward advised that the City would hold its annual free pick-up which will run from April 19 through the 29, have the Adopt-A-Truck Program, and also conduct the Turn Trash Into Art Contest during this time.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Linda Sturgill, 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, 1991 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton. (Insert)

In conjunction with the Lonseome Pine Office on Youth, Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Recognizing the Month of April 1991 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Recognizing the Month of April 1991 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised the City Treasurer had requested a refund covering real estate taxes erroneously assessed from 1986 through 1990 in the amount of \$875.00 to Mrs. Thelma Bolling, P. O. Box 2950, Wise, Va.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a refund in the amount of \$875.00 to Mrs. Thelma Bolling for real estate taxes that were erroneously assessed for the years 1986-1990.

In his comments, the City Manager advised that the bid openings for the sewer line at the water plant will be held on April 15th at 2:00 p.m. in his office and that he will bring a recommendation to Council at their next meeting on April 16th.

Mr. Ward advised that the Annual Paving List will be presented to Council the next meeting.

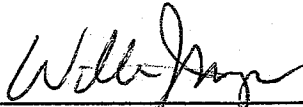
The City Manager advised that on March 29th city crews discovered what they believed to be a mine opening between the Norton Little League Field and the Norton Elementary School in a ditch. The Division of Mined Land Reclamation was contacted that afternoon and they have looked at the site and advised that it is part of an abandoned mine works, that they will declare an emergency and will start work on it within the week. They feel that it will not take long to abate this problem. Vice Mayor Mays asked Mr. Ward to keep Council advised of any major developments on this should they occur.

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Councilwoman Sturgill inquired as to the installation of a traffic light at the Holiday Inn intersection. Mr. Ward advised it could take up to six months and this was the fourth month, but that he would check with the Highway Department on this item.

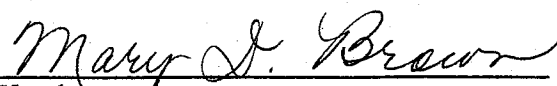
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There being no further comments from Council or from the City Attorney, the meeting was adjourned.



William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk