

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 3, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Linda Sturgill

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

The invocation was given by Father Tom Collins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Joe Stallard, City Treasurer.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 20, 1991 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Kathleen Kilgore, 208 - 13th Street advised Council she had a complaint about the curbing put in at the entrance of her driveway. She wants it taken down and smoothed out.

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The City Manager advised this was put in by the pavers to eliminate any water from going down onto Mrs. Kilgore's property.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City go back and smooth out this driveway entrance.

Mr. Ronnie Mullins requested permission from Council to use City right-of-way for the purpose of constructing a drive way entrance at his residence located at 102 - 7th Street, N. E.

Mr. Ward advised this was a paper street in an undeveloped portion of Virginia Avenue and that Council had a map included in their packets. In talking with the Mullins, Mr. Ward advised they wanted to come down 100' on City right-of-way and put in gravel to make them a driveway. Mr. Ward further advised the City's concerns were the Mullins' compliance with the Soil and Erosion Plan and with utilities located on this property.

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The City Attorney advised, if granted, Council would have to give the Mullins a revocable license that could be cancelled with a 30 day notice.

Following a brief discussion, Council advised the City Manager to work with the Mullins on their Soil and Erosion Plan and to check out the utilities that are involved and bring back to Council at the next meeting. Council felt if this were done, they would be in more of a position to take action on this request.

Mr. Joe Stallard, City Treasurer, made a presentation to Council on delinquent taxes which will become an annual event for his office. He expressed his thanks to Council for giving him the various channels with which to collect taxes such as the Debt Set Off and the use of credit cards. He further advised that an Escheat Hearing will be held on November 20th for 8 parcels of land in the City and also a Judicial Sale is in the works for approximately 7 parcels located in the City.

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On behalf of Council, Mayor Raines expressed appreciation to the Treasurer's Office for their efforts.

The City Manager advised that there is a lot of cooperation between the City Administration and the Treasurer's Office as well as with the other Constitutional offices.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the 86th annual Virginia Municipal League Conference will be held in Roanoke October 6th thru the 8th and asked that Council advise him if they will be in attendance. Mr. Ward encouraged each Councilman to attend if they possibly can and to advise him as soon as possible in order that he may make arrangements.

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Vice Mayor Mays advised he would be attending.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 the use of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting.

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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 Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

The Mayor announced there were no reports to be made on the appointments to the Norton Highway and Safety Commission, the Norton Industrial Development Authority, and the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Board and also no report on the use of real property.

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In his comments, Mr. Ward advised:

The proposals on the Comprehensive Drainage Study will be opened on Friday, September 6th and that there had been a lot of response from engineering firms.

The City had received notification from the Governor's Office that the City had been awarded a \$2000 grant for the Police Department and City of Norton Schools for the DARE Program.

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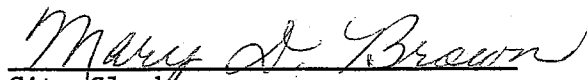
The Planning Commission has finished their review of the Zoning Ordinance and it should be sent to the City Manager shortly. Mr. Ward hopes to schedule it as a work session or agenda item for the next meeting.

There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk