

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 1, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by House of Delegates Member Bud Phillips.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 17, 1991 meeting as presented.

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

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The City Manager gave Council an update on the City owned property located on 7th Street, N. E. on which Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mullins want to construct a driveway. Mr. Ward advised the sewer line is currently abandoned and that there is no water line in this area. Further, Mr. Mullins has stated he will be responsible for any damage that may occur to the sewer line during construction. As to control of drainage and erosion, the City will require, prior to the issuance of a grading permit, that Mr. Mullins comply with our Soil and Erosion Plan by using straw bales or a silt fence.

Mr. Ward advised that, if permitted, a revocable permit will be issued to the Mullins.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to issue a revocable use permit to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mullins for construction of a driveway.

Mr. Ward advised Mr. Mullins to see him or the Building Inspector before any work is done.

Mayor Raines welcomed Delegate Bud Phillips who spoke briefly to Council to introduce himself and also to discuss regional cooperation and economic development.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Phillips for his visit.

Mr. Ward advised Council had in their 2nd Year Capital Improvement Plan funds designated for the renovation of one of the City's water tanks. After learning that Wise was going to solicit bids for their tanks, the City decided to join Wise in their bid process in hopes of securing a lower bid. After receiving bids, the City can get this work done at a price of \$19,370 for the tanks located at the Water Plant and on Henry Street. The Administration and the Water Plant Superintendent think this is a good price and ask favorable consideration of Council on this request.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$19,370 for the renovation of two of the City's water tanks with said funds to come from Water and Sewer Unappropriated Reserves.

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In their packets, Council had been presented with an Ordinance Requiring Delinquent Taxes Be Paid Before the Issuance of a Business License.

Mr. Ward advised that the General Assembly recently passed this and the City Treasurer thought this would be another good tool for use in collection of past due taxes.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have the

City Manager advertise a public hearing and bring this ordinance back for passage.

The City Manager advised he would try to get this on the next agenda.

The City Manager, on behalf of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission, presented each member of Council with a copy of the revised Zoning Ordinance which had been rewritten by Balzer and Associates. Mr. Ward advised it was a very complex and comprehensive document and that he needed guidance from Council as to how they wished to proceed on this.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have this item on the next agenda and at that time a decision will be made how to proceed on this ordinance.

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 Linda Sturgill, 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 member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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As to the appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority, Mayor Raines advised there was no announcement.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Virginia Municipal League Conference is being held in Roanoke October 6th thru 8th and both the Mayor and Vice Mayor will be in attendance.

The bridge at 12th Street in Ramsey has been rehabilitated with very little inconvenience to the residents of that area.

The City is in the process of shutting down our City Plants in order to go on line with the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority.

Work has begun on the breeze-way between Park Avenue and Federal Street.

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Still ongoing is the selection process of an engineering firm to do the Comprehensive Drainage Study. This selection will be made within the next two weeks.

Opened bids on Monday, September 30th, on the sidewalks as per our Capital Plan and will award the contract this week hopefully.


There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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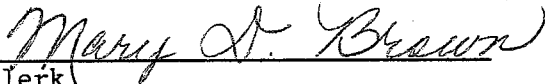
Mayor Raines advised that signs will be going up shortly designating Wise County and the City of Norton as a Certified Business Community and that a meeting will be held recognizing those who worked in this certification process.

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

  
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Mayor

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