

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 17, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by City Manager Ward and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 2, 1990 organizational meeting as presented. 14829

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 3, 1990 meeting as presented.

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Clella Minor, 320 - 11th Street, N. W. spoke to Council regarding the installation of a guard rail on Ridge Avenue behind her property. She has had vehicles come down onto her property twice from this street with the last time being July 11th. She further discussed with Council the replacement of some paving on her property which was torn up by the City during the repair of a broken water main several years ago and a drainage problem. 14830

Mayor Raines referred the item of the guard rail to the Highway Safety Commission for their next meeting. Mr. Ward advised he would follow up on the pavement replacing and also check on who is liable for the drainage problem in this area.

Mr. Gary Martin, Lot 21, Green's Trailer Park, Kentucky Avenue, spoke to Council regarding lots within the City that are not being mowed and properties that are in need of repairs. 14831

Mr. Ward advised the City is proceeding on some properties that are a safety hazard and abandoned and there should be some action taken soon.

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Martin for his interest.

Mrs. Sturgill announced that the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors will be considering the issue of injection wells at their meeting to be held Wednesday July 18, 1990 at the Court House in Clintwood at 6:30 p.m. and invited anyone who wished to attend. 14832

Mr. Ward advised Council that the City had a request by the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority to expand the Section 8 Program by 30 units.

Mr. Keith Burchette of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority was present to answer any questions Council may have.

Following a discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to write a letter in support of the Section 8 Program requesting up to 30 additional units on behalf of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority. 14833

Mr. Ward is also to work with Mr. Black on the application for same.

Mr. Ward advised Council that part of the implementation section of the City Comprehensive Plan written by Balzer and Associates in 1988 was the revision of the City of Norton Zoning Ordinance and that Council had included in the Capital Improvement Plan a line item of \$15,000 to cover this work. 14834

Mr. Ward further advised he needed permission from Council to extend Balzer's contract to do this work in order that the Planning Commission and City staff can begin their work and that he would like Council's direction of the

scope of work to be done.

Mr. Ward and Mr. Jon Rockett, Chairman of the Planning Commission, have worked together to see what the City needs from various standpoints. They feel some work needs to be included and some deleted. Areas to be included according to them are: nonconforming uses, home occupations, accessory uses, and manufactured housing and mobile home parks.

Both Mr. Rockett and City Attorney Asbury spoke on these items.

Following a discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to extend Balzer & Associates' contract up to, but not to exceed, \$15,000.

City Attorney Asbury discussed with Council several ordinances pending as a result of the actions of the 1990 General Assembly and gave a brief summation on them.

He advised that advertisement should be made and a public hearing scheduled for the next meeting on the following: Driving Under the Influence, Conforming to State Law Raising the Punishment of Misdemeanors, Public Drunkenness, Disorderly Conduct in Public Places, New Ordinance Making it a Misdemeanor to Cross Police Lines, and Expansion of the Firearms Ordinance. Passage of these ordinances should take place at this meeting also.

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Mr. Ward advised he will work on the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act and submit to Council his selections of non-smoking areas in the various City locations and also advised he will rewrite the Bingo/Raffle Ordinance.

The Virginia Statewide Fire Protection Code will be enforced by the Virginia State Fire Marshall.

Council had been presented with a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$125,000.00 for confirmation.

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Mr. Ward advised the new council members the reason for bringing this check to Council for approval.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$125,000.00 made payable to the City of Norton Schools.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous 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 disposition of publicly held property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, 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 Session with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised there were no announcements regarding personnel. As to the disposition of publicly held property, the City Manager was authorized to work with the City Attorney on this matter.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised that at 12:00 Noon on July 30th, John Milliken, Virginia Secretary of Transportation, will be in Norton for a luncheon to be held at the Holiday Inn. Mr. Ward presented each member of Council with a ticket for this luncheon and advised he hoped all would be able to attend.

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Mr. Ward also read excerpts from a Virginia Municipal League newsletter which stated Governor Wilder warns local government cuts may be coming. Mr. Ward advised Council he will keep them informed.

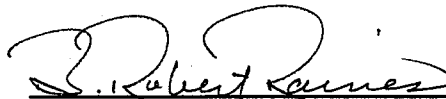
He further advised that sidewalk replacement is being done on Sixth Street and the City has concluded the purchase of property on Park Avenue from Ron Prater.

Councilman Mays stated he had been advised by some down town professional people of a parking problem and wished to have the Highway Safety Commission look at making one way parking on Federal Street west to east.

Mr. Ward advised there was no problem doing the study and advised the City may need to look at an alternative to this parking problem.

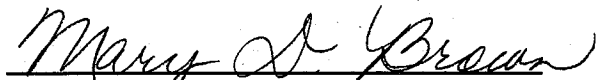
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There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk