

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Kenny Jackson.

At this time, Mayor Raines recognized Ms. Judy Church Hall of the Forward Wise County Group to tonight's meeting.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting as presented.

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Council had been presented with a revised draft Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Regulating Adult and Sexually Oriented Business Uses.

The City Attorney advised Council that he had modified the ordinance from Fairfax, as directed by Council at its previous meeting, to fit the City's needs.

Council asked that the signature on the application should be changed from the Police Chief to that of the City Manager or Designee.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to move forward on this ordinance and advertise a public hearing with the changes being made that were discussed tonight.

The City Attorney advised that he would make the changes as discussed tonight.

The City Manager advised that Winfred Collins, Building Official for the City, was present to discuss with Council the building permit fees and the possible modification of them. Mr. Ward advised that there had been no changes in these fees in the past twenty five years. He further stated that these fees must have been approved by City Council; however, there is no documentation on this. He inquired as to whether Council needs to readopt these through a resolution or to consider changes and updates to these charges.

Mr. Collins briefly discussed the fees presently being charged and gave Council information on the charges being used by other localities. Also discussed was the inspections made by the Building Official for electrical services being off over 30 days. Currently, there is no charge for this service.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager and the Building Official to work on this and Council will look at this during the budget process.

Council had been presented with a copy of a Draft Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. This proposed ordinance was brought to Council in the spring wherein the State advised that our ordinance needed to be revised to meet their requirements. After Council had approved the draft ordinance, it was submitted to the State for approval. The City has received notification from the State that this ordinance has been approved and the City Administration is asking Council's permission to advertise a public hearing on this ordinance.

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Mr. Winfred Collins, the City Building Official, discussed this briefly with Council and pointed out the differences between this ordinance and the one currently being utilized by the City.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manger to advertise a public hearing on this draft Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section No. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

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Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of closed meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to be submitted to the Wise County Circuit Court for a member to be appointed to the City of Norton Board of Zoning Appeals for a term which will expire on June 2, 2008.

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Joseph Fawbush nominated Mr. Joe Buchanan to be appointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Joe Buchanan nominated to the City of Norton Board of Zoning Appeals for a term which will expire on June 2, 2008. This nomination will be submitted to the Wise County Circuit Court Judge for consideration of the appointment.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations of a Chief Local Elected Officer (CLEO) to the Work Force Investment Board in accordance with the Work Force Investment Act.

Jack Wallace nominated Vice Mayor William Mays.

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

Mayor Raines declared Vice Mayor William Mays appointed as a Chief Local Elected Officer (CLEO) to the Work Force Investment Board in accordance with the Work Force Investment Act.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that:

The annual Wise County-City of Norton Chamber of Commerce's annual gala will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2007. Any Council member interested in attending should notify him.

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The City was notified today by Congressman Rick Boucher's office that the City has and will be receiving a grant and loan from Rural Development in the amount of \$190,000 each to go toward the Virginia Avenue Sewer Project.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that, in working with the City Treasurer, he had filed five (5) additional suits to sell property in the City due to delinquent taxes.

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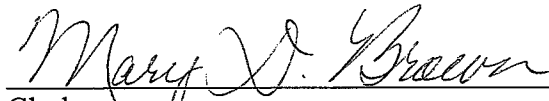
Mayor Raines inquired about the Roberts Property. Mr. Bradshaw advised that he will have to summons the attorney in this case to Court and that he will proceed with this suit.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk