

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Jack Wallace

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, which was led by Parks and Recreation Director Michele Knox.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Mrs. Charlene Price, 221 10<sup>th</sup> Street N. W., spoke briefly to Council. She asked that the City install a guardrail behind her house on Gott Street, as she has experienced cars coming over the hill and into her yard. She also asked for some relief on a drainage problem, which is coming from Gott Street onto her property.

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Mayor Raines asked the City Manager to look into Mrs. Price's requests.

Mayor Raines advised that Item 6-A on tonight's agenda, "Presentation of the Financial Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2004," will be tabled until the next meeting.

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Ms. Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director for the City, presented Council with her annual report for the year of 2004. She discussed with Council the various programs her department sponsors and the revenue earned, and gave a three year revenue comparison. Following her presentation, Ms. Knox answered questions from Council members.

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Mayor Raines thanked Ms. Knox for this presentation and advised her that Council appreciated the job that she is doing.

Council had a request from Mrs. Donna Hutchinson for a seasonal pass for camping at the Flag Rock Recreation Area.

Mrs. Hutchinson was present and spoke briefly to Council on this matter. She also presented the City Manager with a letter from Mrs. Stephanie Adams supporting this request.

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Also speaking on this topic were Sheriff Carlos Noaks and Parks and Recreation Director, Michele Knox.

Following a brief discussion on this issue, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director to work together on this request and bring a recommendation to City Council for consideration.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing Application to the Virginia Public School Authority for Participation in the Spring 2005 Bond Issue.

Mr. Ward advised that, with the adoption of this resolution, Council will be authorizing him to make application to the Virginia Public School Authority for participation in the Spring 2005 Bond Issue for \$530,000 for the construction of a full service cafeteria at Norton Elementary School. Per a Memorandum of Understanding, the City will allocate \$60,000 from local funds and the School Board will allocate \$60,000 from School Funds for this project.

The City Manager advised that the Norton City Schools had adopted their resolution covering this on January 13, 2005.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed the by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Wallace, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing Application to the Virginia Public School Authority for Participation in the Spring 2005 Bond Issue. (Insert)

Council had been given a copy of an Exhibit A - Resolution of Governing Body – Extract of Minutes which authorizes the City Manager to execute a Lease Purchase Agreement for a new City dump truck.

Mr. Ward advised that this truck had been purchased for a price of \$62,338 from Mid State Equipment Company.

The City Attorney advised that he approved of this Exhibit A – Resolution of Governing Body – Extract of Minutes.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote, YES – Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Wallace, Council moved to adopt Exhibit A – Resolution of Governing Body – Extract of Minutes. (Insert)

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

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

Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

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

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

He had presented each member of Council with a pin from the Virginia Municipal League celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The next City Council meeting will be held in Council Chambers. After that, renovations will begin and we will be conducting council meetings in different locations.

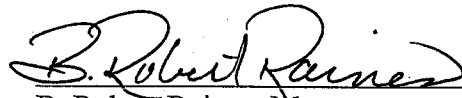
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In comments from Council, Mr. Hunnicutt asked that everyone keep the Owens family in their thoughts and prayers due to the death of Brandon Owens.

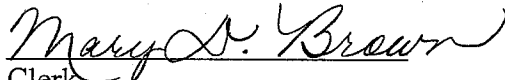
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There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk