

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the 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 Rev. Shawn Easterling and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 17, 2004 as presented.

20866

At this time, Mayor Raines amended the agenda to include Item D-5 under Closed Meeting to include an appointment to the Southwest Virginia Regional Litter Task Force for a one year term.

20867

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. James Peters spoke briefly to Council regarding several issues. Mayor Raines referred Mr. Peters to the City Attorney, who responded to Mr. Peters' questions on several issues.

20868

Council had been presented with a list of the restrictive covenants as pertains to the Laurel Trails Subdivision Project. Mr. Ward advised that these covenants had been presented to and discussed with Council at their last meeting

Several of the restrictive covenants, both structural and aesthetic, were discussed by Council and some changes were made.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have these covenants brought back with the changes made tonight incorporated into them and to also have the consultant on this project present to discuss these with Council. Mr. Ward advised that he would do so.

20869

Mr. Ward advised that there would be another document brought before Council in the near future. This document would be the one allowing the spec house to be built on a lot by a local contractor. This document will be reviewed by the City Attorney before being presented to Council.

Council had been presented with the Comparative Cost Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2003.

The City Manager presented a power point presentation showing the City's ratings with other towns in the region and briefly discussed these figures with Council. He further advised that should Council have any questions regarding this report, they should contact him or Mr. Shupe at any time.

20870

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Ward advised that this plan covers the Towns of Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, St. Paul and the City of Norton and Wise County. He further advised that every town, city and county in the Commonwealth is required to have a solid waste management plan and, after his review of this plan, finds it to be acceptable and reasonable.

20871

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan. (Insert)

Mr. Ward will forward an executed copy to the Wise County Administrator.

Council had been presented with a copy of a check in the amount of \$295,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$295,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

20872

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, 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 and discussion of the consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose as per Section No. 2.2-3711 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

20873

Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

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

20874

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. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, 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)

20875

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 31, 2007.

William Mays nominated Ms. Mary Beth Stump to be reappointed to this Board.

20876

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

Mayor Raines declared Ms. Mary Beth Stump reappointed to the Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 31, 2007.

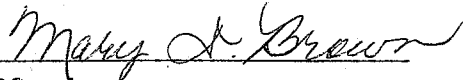
There were no comments from the City Manager.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk