

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

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 Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2003 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Ms. Beth Bohnert, daughter of Dencil Bohnert, 606 Shawnee Avenue, spoke briefly to Council advising that her father was in receipt of a letter from the Post Office advising that they were holding his mail due to the fact that the road to his house is not paved and in bad condition.

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines advised the City Manager to work with the Post Master on getting Mr. Bohnert's home delivery of his mail reinstated.

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Council was given an update on the new sidewalk request by Robert Isaac that was discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Ramey presented Council with some photos of this area, which included the property owned by Mr. Jeff Bays, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Collins, and others. Along with Mr. Isaac, Mr. Bays and Mr. and Mrs. Collins were present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Ramey also had figures showing the cost of this project with a breakdown of the City's cost and the property owner's share of the cost.

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Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Administration to continue working with the individual property owners on this project.

Mr. Ward advised that the City Administration will discuss this with the engineer on the drainage project and get his opinions on this situation.

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Ramey for his presentation.

Those property owners present thanked both Mr. Ramey and Council.

Council was scheduled to have an update on the Water Line Replacement Project by Mr. Bobby Lane of Lane Engineering. Due to Mr. Lane's absence, Mr. Ward asked that Council postpone this update until the next meeting.

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It was the consensus of Council to postpone this update until the next meeting.

Included in Council's packets was a proposed agreement with the Highlands Juvenile Detention Commission.

Mr. Ward advised that the City had been invited by the Highlands Juvenile Detention Commission, the Counties of Washington and Smyth, and the City of Bristol to buy into this center.

The cost to buy into this facility would be \$39,204 annually for the first five years. At the end of the five years, the City would only be responsible for its share of operational costs, unless there are some capital projects, and will be a full partner. Also, the City will have representation on the Board of this Commission. Mr. Ward advised that the Lenowisco Planning District agrees that this is the best solution for the City as does the City Sheriff and himself. Mr. Ward requested that Council authorized him to execute this agreement for a five year buy-in with the Highlands Juvenile Detention Commission at an initial cost of \$39,204.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with the Highlands Juvenile Detention Commission for a five year buy-in at an initial cost of \$39,204. (Insert)

Council had a request from Norton Community Hospital asking that Council approve maintenance of the drainage improvements they are making at 1500 Park Avenue, N. W. The improvements are for the purpose of insuring that they have proper drainage of their property to avoid any further storm damage, which they incurred in May of this year.

Following a brief discussion, during which the City Manager advised that the hospital was paying for the work done on this drainage project, Mr. Ward advised that from the administrative standpoint, this work would be an improvement to our drainage system and the City should take over maintenance on this.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the request of Norton Community Hospital to authorize Norton Community Hospital to put in drainage as designed on City right-of-way and further authorized that the City will maintain this in the future.

Council had a copy of A Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract for the current fiscal year.

The City Manager advised that excerpts from the contract were included in Council's packet. The original document is a large one and if anyone would like to review it, it is available in his office or he will provide copies. He further advised that the City allocates \$20,651 to the Planning District One Budget and our representative on this Board is Mrs. Barbara Caruso.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and adopted by the following roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract. (Insert)

Council had a copy of a check in the amount of \$190,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$190,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

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

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2008.

Joseph Hunnicutt submitted the name of Larry Hamilton to be resubmitted to the Circuit Court for reappointment to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared the name of Larry Hamilton be submitted to the Circuit Court for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2008.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations of a Student Representative to the Youth Services Board for a four year term which will expire on May 2, 2007.

Joseph Fawbush nominated Katie Mullins for reappointment to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Katie Mullins reappointed to the Youth Services Board as a Student Representative for a four year term which will expire on May 2, 2007.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that Friday is the Fourth of July and there are several activities scheduled in the City. A fireworks display is scheduled for Friday evening. A rain date of Saturday, July 5th is also scheduled.

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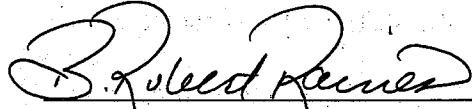
In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that he had been asked by the Norton Industrial Development Authority to represent both the bank and their organization on securing financing for a new project they are undertaking. The bank has been a long time client of his. He has done this for NIDA in the past and would like Council's concurrence on this issue. Also, should anyone have a problem with this matter, he would like for them to notify him.

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It was the concurrence of Council that they had no problem with this dual representation by Mr. Bradshaw.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

