

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the 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 the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 19, 2003 meeting as presented.

20587

At this time, Mayor Raines amended the agenda under Item 7-D Closed Meeting to include Probable Litigation as per Section 2.2-3711(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

20588

Mayor Raines opened the floor for the audience for visitors.

At this time, Ms. Judy Sluss of Flanary-Sluss Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Brownie's Café, advised Council that she was withdrawing her application for a Dance Hall Permit. This permit was item 6-A on tonight's agenda.

20589

Mrs. Barbara Muir, City Treasurer, presented Council with her annual report, which covers her first full year in office. She advised that collections for the year had been good and that 2002 was the best collection year for taxes. She further advised Council of the various methods of collection that she has utilized. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines thanked Mrs. Muir for her presentation and also for the efforts of her office.

20590

The City Manager had presented Council with a list of various streets, which are in need of paving with the most prioritized in bold print. The worst of these streets are Hawthorne Drive and Dorchester Road.

Mr. Ward advised that the City has \$150,000 budgeted for paving. However, only \$100,000 will be used for paving; the remaining \$50,000 will be kept in the budget to cover patching, gravel, etc.

20591

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Administration to pave the areas that they deem most needy.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Authorizing a Deferred Compensation Plan for consideration. Mr. Ward advised that this would be another benefit offered to City employees to utilize if they so desire to aid in their retirement. He further advised that this will be the second such plan offered to employees.

20592

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt,

Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing a Deferred Compensation Plan. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel as per Section No. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended and probable litigation as per Section 2.2-3711(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

20593

Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

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

20594

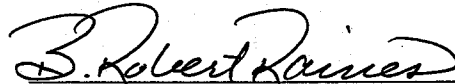
Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

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)

20595

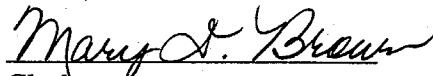
There being no comments from the City Manager, City Attorney, or Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk