

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at the Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt 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 City Sheriff Carlos Noaks.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 6, 2001 meeting as presented.

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At this time, Mayor Raines amended the agenda under Old Business - Item B-Discussion of Master Cable Franchise.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Joyce Winston spoke briefly to Council as a representative of the Pro-Art Association. Mayor Raines advised that the Pro-Art request is an agenda item tonight. Mrs. Winston advised that she would stay as the representative for this group.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Councilman Joseph Hunnicutt took his seat on Council.

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Council had a request for a Special Use Permit from Middle Norton Land Corporation to use City property to bring timber out from their land and construct a logging road.

Mr. Ward advised Council that he, Mayor Raines, and Gary Call had walked this property which is on Route 619 (High Knob Road). He has prepared a revocable permit which will expire one year from the date of issuance. This permit lists items which must be complied with by Middle Norton Land Corporation.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized a Special Use Permit to Middle Norton Land Corporation as amended to include a flag man when backing trucks out onto the road as a safety precaution. This revocable permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance.

Mayor Raines advised that at Council's last meeting, Mr. Jack Kennedy spoke to Council regarding the cable television franchise renewal.

Mayor Raines presented to Council members a copy of a letter from Mr. Shannon Scott, Acting Wise County Administrator, advising that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors had asked that Council appoint two elected representatives to serve on a Franchise Advisory Committee, along with two representatives from the County of Wise, in order that they may meet with Adelpia representatives to see what they plan to offer

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and to see if there is a need for assistance on negotiating Master Cable Franchise Agreements with them.

Mayor Raines asked Council for a consensus to appoint himself and Councilman Fawbush to represent City Council.

It was the consensus of Council for Mayor Raines and Councilman Fawbush to represent the City of Norton at a meeting with representatives of Wise County and Adelpia to discuss the Master Cable Franchise Agreements.

Council had a request from the Pro-Art Association to apply for a Local Government Challenge Grant in the maximum amount of \$5,000, which will be matched by the City, for a total amount to the Pro-Art Association of \$10,000.

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Mr. Ward advised that the deadline for the application process is April 2, 2001.

Mrs. Joyce Winston, representing Pro-Art, spoke briefly to Council regarding their activities.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to submit a Local Government Challenge Grant in the maximum amount of \$5,000 to be matched with \$5,000 from the City for a total amount to the Pro-Art Association of \$10,000.

Council had in their packets A Resolution Requesting State Participation in the Regional Jail Project.

Mr. Ward advised that he and City Sheriff Carlos Noaks had attended a meeting on the regional jail project in St. Paul. This resolution needs to be adopted by all the entities participating in the project. This resolution requests that the Virginia Department of Corrections reimburse 50% of all eligible project costs relative to the construction of a regional jail system.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Raines, NO - None, ABSENT - Fawbush, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Requesting State Participation in the Regional Jail Project. (Insert)

Council had a request for one water and one sewer tap for Mr. Joseph Allen Brickey of 4946-C Bear Creek Road, Norton.

Mr. Ward advised that both were available.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve one water and one sewer tap for Mr. Joseph Allen Brickey of 4946-C Bear Creek Road.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting.

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

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Mayor Raines advised that no action had been taken in closed meeting.

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

The annual CIP Meeting will be held Friday, February 23, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn.

He and Sheriff Noaks had attended a Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Task Force meeting today. Representatives from that group will be at our March 6th meeting to make a formal presentation.

Renovations are underway in the upstairs of the Municipal Building and will take approximately two months.

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The Planning Commission met last week and authorized the advertisement for a RFP for a new Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ramey has advised that all citizens Mayor Raines had selected to serve on a Parking Committee had agreed to do so and will be meeting shortly.

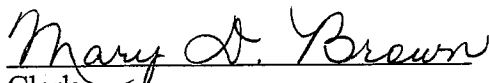
There were no comments from either the City Attorney or Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk