

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2000 at the Municipal Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. 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 Parks and Recreation Director, Michele Knox.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 15, 2000 meeting as presented.

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There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors.

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Council had a request for a Special Use Permit from Charles and Teresa Hylton. They are planning to build a home on Spruce Street and request permission to use City right-of-way for a driveway and the installation of a grinder pump for sewer purposes.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved a Special Use Permit for using City right-of-way for Charles and Teresa Hylton on Spruce Street for the purpose of installing a driveway and a grinder pump for sewer purposes.

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Michele Knox, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave Council a report on the summer pool activities.

Ms. Knox showed Council pictures of the installation of the new liner and other work that had been done at the pool. She advised that the pool was closed 13 days due to bad weather and average daily attendance was 106. She further advised that the daily water usage had gone down considerably from 37,000 gallons in 1999 to 5,000 gallons in 2000.

Mayor Raines thanked Ms. Knox for her presentation.

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Council had been presented A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing A Shell Building Loan Application in the Amount of \$750,000 to be Submitted to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCEDA) Board by the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

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Mr. Ward advised that Council, at their last meeting, discussed Phase II of the hotel project and are seeking additional funding sources for same. He advised that the resolution authorizes the NIDA and City Administration to present a loan application to VCEDA.

Support has been given on this project from the Wise County Industrial Development Authority.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Raines, Mays, Fawbush, NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Authorizing A Shell Building Loan Application in the Amount of \$750,000 to be Submitted to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCEDA) Board by the Norton Industrial Development Authority. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised that this will go back to NIDA at their next meeting and if they further authorize, the application will be submitted to VCEDA for consideration.

Mr. Ward advised that legislation passed in the 2000 General Assembly is giving cities and towns the option of conducting municipal elections in November rather than in May. This would also affect the election of school board members.

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Mr. Ward has discussed this with the Registrar and both she and the Electoral Board are in favor of this change. Also speaking in support of this change was Mrs. Ruth Woods, Chairman of the City Electoral Board.

After a brief discussion in which both the City Manager and the City Attorney gave pros and cons on this change, it was the consensus of Council that both the City Manager and City Attorney proceed to see what the next step is in changing the election dates from May to November.

Council had in their packets a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$180,000 for approval.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$180,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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

Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back in open meeting.

Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

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The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Closed Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, 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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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rudy Whitehorn which will expire on January 28, 2001.

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Mayor Raines took this opportunity to commend the service of Mr. Whitehorn to the community and this Authority. He had served approximately ten years on this board, serving until his death on August 4, 2000.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Dr. Charles Litton to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rudy Whitehorn which will expire on January 28, 2001.

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

Mayor Raines declared Dr. Charles Litton appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rudy Whitehorn to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority which will expire on January 28, 2001.

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

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, residents can take old appliances to the Josephine Transfer Station and be paid \$5.00 for each appliance with a maximum of 25 appliances.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 2:00 - 7:00 household hazardous waste collection will be held at the Community Center.

On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the City has been challenged by the Town of Wise for a softball game. This will be the third game in which we have participated. Council members are invited to attend or to participate.

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In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that he is working with Mr. Ramey on a policy on Water Connection Deposits.

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Mr. Ward also advised Council members of the Virginia Municipal League Conference which will be held in Arlington October 22 - October 24<sup>th</sup>. He asked Council members to advise him as soon as possible if they can attend so that he can make arrangements.

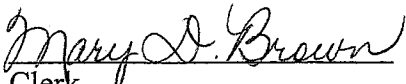
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There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk