

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Jack Wallace

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Raines.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 1998 meeting as presented.

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During the call for visitors, Ms. Henrietta Dotson, co-owner of Impressions in Norton, spoke to Council regarding a fire at their business during the Thanksgiving week-end. She asked Fire Chief D. C. Mullins to come forth and presented him with a plaque of appreciation for their outstanding efforts during this fire.

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Chief Mullins graciously accepted this award and recognized several members of the Department who worked this fire. Applause was given to the firemen by those present.

A public hearing was held to consider a budget amendment in the amount of \$64,234.12 to the 1998-99 Norton City School Budget. Mayor Raines advised the public hearing had been duly advertised. Present to answer any questions from Council was Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent of Norton City Schools.

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

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Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 1998-1999 Norton City School Budget in the amount of \$64,234.12.

The City Manager gave Council a brief update on Governor Gilmore's proposed budget amendments to the 1999-2000 budget. He advised he had supplied information in Council's packets and discussed several items which would mean additional funds for the City. This is for informational purposes only and he will monitor the budget process and keep Council informed on this situation.

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Mr. Ward advised Council of a new Federal rule which requires an Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. He advised the City was in receipt of a memorandum from the State Health Department advising that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency had published this new rule that requires owners/operators of community water systems to prepare an annual report that explains the quality of the system's drinking water. This rule is called the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule. A copy of this report is be mailed or delivered directly to every water customer by October 19, 1999. A new report must then be delivered by July 1st of each year after 1999 covering the previous year's data. Copies must be made available to the general public also.

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The direct mail of this report may be waived by the Governor or his designee; however, this has not been done in Virginia. If it is waived, the report has to be prepared, published in the local newspaper, and copies made available for the general public.

Our representative on the Virginia Rural Water Association, Tommy Roberts, Water Plant Superintendent, states his organization is working to see if this waiver can take place.

Mr. Ward will keep Council updated on this new required report.

Council had a copy of a check in the amount of \$225,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools dated December 17, 1998.

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 \$225,000 dated December 17, 1998 and made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended and acquisition of real property for public purpose as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, ABSENT - Wallace, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, the City Manager was authorized to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of real property for the purpose of a new water pumping station subject to the feasibility of the property for that purpose and subject to Council approval of the final negotiation.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Social Services Advisory Board for four (4) year terms which will expire on November 15, 2002.

William Mays nominated Mrs. June Jones and Mr. Roger Sloce to be appointed to the City of Norton Social Services Advisory Board for four (4) year terms which will expire on November 15, 2002 and Ms. Pat Clisso to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jim Jenkins on the City of Norton Social Services Advisory Board. This term will expire on November 21, 2000.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. June Jones, Mr. Roger Sloce, and Ms. Pat Clisso appointed to the City of Norton Social Services Advisory Board for the terms so stated above.

There were no comments from the City Manager.

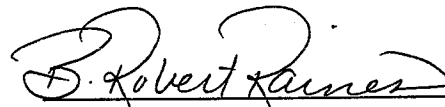
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There were no legal comments from the City Attorney.

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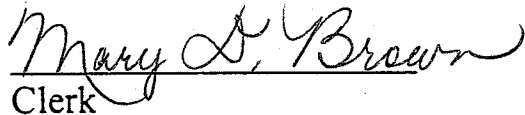
There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk