

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 1, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

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 David Mullins, City of Norton Fire Chief.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 18, 1999 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Repealing Required Fingerprinting for Concealed Handgun Permits.

Mayor Raines advised that the City Attorney and City Manager were advised at a recent meeting to draw up an ordinance to repeal the ordinance adopted in 1997 authorizing the fingerprinting of applicants. This is due to the delays incurred in the issuance of these permits.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

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

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, Hunnicutt - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Repealing Required Fingerprinting for Concealed Handgun Permits. (Insert)

A public hearing was held to consider an amendment to the 1998-99 Social Services Budget in the amount of \$91,858.

Bill Stokes, Director of Social Services, spoke briefly to Council advising that the funds are totally state and federal funds.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

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

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 1998-99 Social Services Budget in the amount of \$91,858.00.

Council had in their packets An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1999 thru June 30, 2000 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

Mayor Raines advised a public hearing was held at the last meeting and briefly went over the budget which totals approximately fourteen million dollars including the School and Social Services Budgets.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, Hunnicutt - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1999 Thru June 30, 2000 Appropriating Funds For All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed Or Modified Herein. (Insert)

Council had in their packets information from the Virginia Retirement System regarding unreduced retirement at age 50 with 30 years of service.

Mr. Ward advised that political sub-divisions are given the option not to participate in in this program and that the City has no one eligible for this program at this time.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City did wish to participate in this program and that it will become effective July 1, 1999.

Council had in their packets A Resolution Commending the Norton Fire Department for their efforts at the fire on May 23, 1999 at the Sofas and More Building in downtown Norton.

Fire Chief Mullins spoke briefly to Council thanking them for this honor and advising them that this was a joint effort by many people.

Vice Mayor Mays asked the Clerk to read this resolution.

Following the reading of this resolution and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, Hunnicutt - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Commending the Norton Fire Department. (Insert)

Council had an application for a water tap for Mr. Ernest E. Miller, 5140 Hunter Road, Esserville. Mr. Ward advised water is available in this area.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a water tap for Mr. Ernest E. Miller, 5140 Hunter Road, Esserville.

Council had a copy of a check in the amount of \$124,260.55 made payable to the Downtown Development Fund.

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 \$124,260.55 made payable to the Downtown Development Fund.

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Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Ward briefly went over this program with Council.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, - YES, NO - None, Hunnicutt - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per Section 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2004 and will be submitted to the Circuit Court Judge for appointment.

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William Mays nominated Mr. Bill Bledsoe to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Bill Bledsoe nominated to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2004. This nomination will go to the Circuit Court Judge for consideration of the appointment.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Duffield Development Authority for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2003.

Joseph Fawbush nominated Mr. Fred Ramey, Jr. to be reappointed to this Authority.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Fred Ramey, Jr. reappointed to the Duffield Development Authority for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2003.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Community Corrections Resources Board for a two year term which will expire on June 30, 2001.

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Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Sam Mongle to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Sam Mongle reappointed to the Community Corrections Resources Board for a two year term which will expire on June 30, 2001.

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

The City of Norton Swimming Pool will open Saturday, June 5th.

The City has completed its street striping. Bids were opened last week on paving and that should begin in mid-July.

The Best Friend Festival begins June 13th and will run through June 20th.

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Today, via Federal Express, we received permission for Norfolk Southern to proceed on the Esserville Sewer Project. Construction should begin by fall.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that the Virginia General Assembly had adopted several amendments to the Freedom of Information Act. He is in the process of reviewing these and will distribute copies of the legislation as amended.

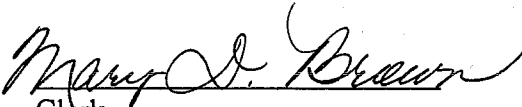
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk