

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 6, 1999 in the Municipal Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Robert Raines, Bill Bradshaw

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge which was led by the Chief of Police, Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 1999 meeting as presented. 19367

At this time, Mr. Bradshaw, City Attorney, took his seat. 19368

There was no response to the Vice Mayor's call for visitors. 19369

Mr. Ward gave Council an update on the changes to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act which were effective July 1, 1999. There are several changes that will affect the City and Mr. Ward briefly discussed these. He further advised Council that he had ordered pocket guides from the Virginia Municipal League for distribution to our Council and other board and commission members. 19370

The City Attorney advised he felt the City would have no problem in complying with the new requirements.

Mr. Ward advised Council that as of today's date we have a combined total of 89.16 million gallons of water in the reservoir, which is the lowest we have been at this time of the year in the last ten years. We have begun purchasing water from the Wise County Public Service Authority and are now asking the citizens to voluntarily conserve water.

Mr. Ramey, Assistant City Manager, advised this information would be put on Channel 51 and also on next month's water bills. 19371

Council had in their packets A Resolution Defining Signature and Access Requirements for Various City Accounts, Investments, and Certificate Storage. Mr. Ward advised the only change in this resolution and the one we have currently is the addition of his signature to the Department of Social Services and Related Accounts. 19372

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush - YES; Raines - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Defining Signature and Access Requirements for Various City Accounts, Investments, and Certificate Storage. (Insert)

Council had in their packets A Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract. Mr. Ward advised Mrs. Barbara

Caruso is the City's representative on this Board and asked for Council's favorable consideration in the adoption of same.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush - YES; Raines - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract. (Insert)

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Council had a copy of a check in the amount of \$290,000 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 vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$290,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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

He was handing out reminders of the Buena Vista Trip on July 22nd and return on July 23rd. He asked Council members to advise him as soon as possible who will be going in order that he can make motel reservations.

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He passed out to members of Council a copy of the budget document for 1999-2000 and highlighted several items.

Vice Mayor Mays advised Mr. Ward that both he and his staff do an excellent job on putting this together.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised:

The City has received notice from Century Communications that their franchise with the City is due to be renewed on or before March 6, 2002. Due to the new Telecommunications Acts enacted by Congress recently, he is unsure of the City's flexibility in the areas that can be negotiated.

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The City has received verification that Mr. William Bledsoe has been reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire 6/2/2004.

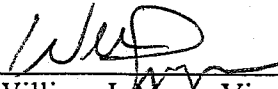
The rules for reporting the financial assets and obligations of the municipality have changed. The Governing Board of Governmental Accounting has promulgated new standards that will require a good deal of work from the Administration; however these standards do not go into effect until 2003.

Vice Mayor Mays advised he would like to express his appreciation to City staff for the 4th of July fireworks and parade.

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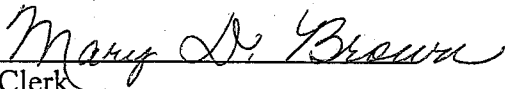
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk