

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 2, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, William Mays and Robert Raines

Absent: Ron McCall

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the November 18, 1997 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Bardin Thrower and Mr. Brian Blanton of Thrower and Thrower were present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Blanton gave Council a brief synopsis of our 1996-97 financial audit.

Following his synopsis, Mr. Blanton advised he would be glad to answer any questions Council might have.

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Mayor Raines thanked both Mr. Thrower and Mr. Blanton for the presentation.

Council had in their packets a request from the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority for Council's review. The request is from the Town of Dante and they are requesting that we accept their treated sludge at the C-N-W facilities. This will be brought up at the C-N-W's January meeting and they are seeking Council's comments.

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The City Manager went over some positive and negative points to this request. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that, based on the information they now have, they would not be in favor of accepting this request.

Mr. Ward is to advise the C-N-W of Council's thoughts on this.

Council had been presented with a Proclamation to Designate Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month 1997.

It was the consensus of Council to adopt this Proclamation to Designate Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month 1997. (Insert)

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The City Manager advised Council that the City had been notified by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Personnel and Training that they had a credit in the amount of \$15,196.36 from the sale of Trigon stock . Mr. Ward advised that since the employees pay a share of their health insurance premiums, he would like to see this money go back to the employees.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to distribute the funds to the City employees in the amount of \$4,462.29.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the City's current personnel plan gave employees December 24th and December 25th as days off for the Christmas holiday. This year State employees are getting a half day off on the 24th plus the 25th and 26th for Christmas. He asked Council's consideration in giving City employees the same schedule as the State employees for this year. He advised the New Year's holiday schedule would remain the same.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept the City Manager's schedule of time off for the Christmas holiday.

Council had in their packets copies of three checks to be approved. These checks are as follows: Downtown Development Fund in the amount of \$122,166.95; Downtown Development Fund in the amount of 108,428.71; and Norton City Schools in the amount of \$150,000. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the above checks.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made as per 2.1-344(A) (5) 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 then polled each member as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised there was no announcement to come from the Executive Session.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The City Christmas Dinner will be held Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Norton Rescue Squad Building.

The Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. Council is invited to view the parade from the stand by the Coalfield Progress Building. Following the parade, the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the 11th Street Park with Mayor Raines conducting the ceremony.

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In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that the State had recodified the Code from 15.1 to 15.2 and that it is basically the same; however he will be getting familiar with the volume of Code.

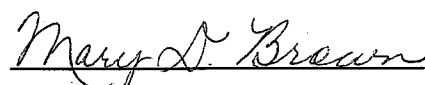
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There were no comments from Council and no further business to come before them; therefore the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines
Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk