

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 4, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Jenkins and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Mr. Marty Hagy, Chairman of the Norton City School Board.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 21, 1995 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines amended the agenda under Item 6. Added were 6-E, A Resolution Relating to the Letter Commitment of First Union Bank of Virginia to Purchase the City's \$800,000 General Obligation School Bond Anticipation Note and 6-F, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring Its Intention to Reimburse Itself from the Proceeds of One or More Tax-Exempt Financings for Certain Expenditures Made and/or To Be Made in Connection with the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Certain Capital Improvements.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Attorney Jeff Sturgill spoke to Council on behalf of his clients, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lowe. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe own a home on 10th Street. Having built a new home in the Laurel Tree Sub-Division and wishing to sell their home on 10th, they have found out that part of the carport is on a paper alley belonging to the City. Mr. Sturgill asked Council, quoting Section 15.1-364 of the Code of Virginia, to vacate this 12' alley which has been undeveloped since 1922.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council will meet at 6:30 on April 18th prior to the Council Meeting at this site to look over the property involved. Mr. Ward will advertise the public hearing and the City Attorney will research adjoining property owners to be notified and also check on any utilities that may be in this area.

A presentation was given to City Council by Mr. Marty Hagy, Chairman of the Norton City School Board. In his presentation, Mr. Hagy advised that two teaching positions, one teacher's aide position, and one bus driver's position had been eliminated. The total increase in new funds sought from the City is \$154,179 making a total of City funds for this budget year of 1995-96 of \$1,540,413 with a total budget from all sources of \$4,429,081.

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Mr. Hagy asked Council to consider approval of their budget by the first meeting in May in order that they can adopt it by the end of May.

Mr. Hagy stated he and Dr. Armentrout were willing to answer any questions from Council.

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Hagy for his presentation and also expressed thanks to the School Board.

The Mayor advised that the City Council would look at the budget in context with the total demand of the City and that he felt we had an excellent school system.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to advertise a public hearing for the first meeting in May to consider the City of Norton School Board Budget for the 1995-96 school year.

Mr. Ward also stated Council needed to schedule a work session on the City's budget. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to hold a budget work session following the April 18th council meeting.

Council had been presented with a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia regarding life insurance for city employees. After looking over figures supplied, there is more coverage for employees for less premiums by going with the Virginia Retirement System's Life Insurance Program than by continuing with the company now used. Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia in which the City will participate in the Virginia Retirement System's Life Insurance Program for City employees. This will become effective July 1, 1995. (Insert)

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Council had been presented A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring the Month of April, 1995 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton.

Mr. Ward advised the Adopt-A-Truck Program will again be conducted as well as the free trash pick-ups and Saturday, April 22, 1995, will be Litter Round Up Day.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring the Month of April 1995 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a list of four grants which both the City Administration and Police Chief wish to apply. As with most grants, approval of the governing body must be secured in order to make application. If the grants are received and matching funds are involved, then this would be brought back to Council for further action.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to apply for various grants for the Police Department.

The City Manager presented Council with A Resolution Relating to the Letter Commitment of First Union National Bank of Virginia to Purchase the City's \$800,000 General Obligation School Bond Anticipation Note.

Mr. Ward advised this covers the interim financing on the School Board Project. This is the recommendation made by the City Manager

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from the three quotations received and has a percentage rate of 4.788 for a period not to exceed 11/30/95. Also the firm of Glenn, Flippin, Feldmann & Darby of Roanoke has been hired as bond counsel.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Relating to the Letter Commitment of First Union National Bank of Virginia to Purchase the City's \$800,000 General Obligation School Bond Anticipation Note. (Insert)

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The City Attorney advised this resolution is necessary as per our bond counsel.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring Its Intention to Reimburse Itself from the Proceeds of One or More Tax Exempt Financings for Certain Expenditures Made And/Or to Be Made In Connection With the Acquisition, Construction, and Equipping of Certain Capital Improvements. (Insert)

The City Manager advised there would probably be more items brought back to Council for their action regarding this bond issue.

In his comments, the City Manager advised that the City reservoir will open at Noon on Saturday after having been stocked with trout. He further advised that an Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Park Sunday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

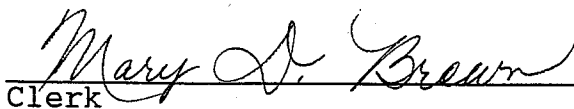
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary A. Brewer  
Clerk