

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Fire Hall of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 17, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Miller Liston and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 3, 1994 meeting as presented.

16001

Mayor Raines announced two amendments to the agenda. Under New Business, Item 7A-1 A Request to Install an Awning on City Right of Way and Item E-1 A Proclamation Declaring NAIW Week.

16002

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Greg Stewart, an attorney speaking for Attorney Steven Lovell, spoke to Council representing some of the merchants on East Park Avenue. They presented Council with petitions and a draft resolution which they would like for Council to pass asking that the Virginia Department of Transportation not completely close the Esserville Bridge for repairs this summer citing economic reasons.

16003

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Ward should schedule a meeting with the Resident Engineer of VDOT, Mr. Lovell, the merchants and citizens of that area, to discuss this situation and see if there is an alternative to closing the bridge.

A public hearing was held to consider An Ordinance Adopting the Proposed Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1994 and Ending June 30, 1995. Mayor Raines advised there was an increase in this budget of approximately \$220,000 over the previous budget. The sewer rate will increase from 125% to 150% of the water bill inside the City and from 166% to 200% of the water bill outside the City

16004

Mr. Ward advised the budget had been duly advertised in the Coalfield and further advised the General Operating Fund totals \$5,141,752 and the Water and Sewer Fund which totals \$1,666,645 with an increase in sewer as previously stated by the Mayor. The City Manager gave a brief synopsis of the budget and stated no action could be taken tonight.

There was no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing. Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There was no public response during the public hearing.

Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion, the City Manager advised the Ordinance Adopting the Proposed Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1994 and Ending June 30, 1995 would be on the June 7th agenda for passage.

A public hearing pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, was held on seeking nominations for appointment to the Norton City School Board. Mayor Raines advised this hearing had been duly advertised and that no appointment will be made tonight. Council will only accept names for nominations. No action can be made for seven days.

16005

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Eileen Salvilla, 224 Highland Avenue, submitted the name of Sandy Earls. Denise Scott, 1830 West Main Avenue, submitted the name of Paul Kuczko.

Bruce Wilson, 15th Street and McChesney, submitted the name of Jack Kennedy. Loretta Rose, 1844 Main Avenue, S. W., submitted the name of W. P.

Armistead.

The City Manager had a list of names which had been submitted and which are as follows: Carlos Noaks, Jeff Begley, Charlie Graham, Pat Cline, David Mullins, Randy Stidham, Calvin Honaker, Kenny Crowder, Joe Wolfe, Greg Stewart, Jackie Fields, Anthony Scott, Robert Fultz, James Stewart, Buddy Cash, Fred Daniels, Kyle Redman, George Bailey, Major Griffey, Cliff Daniels, Amelia Harris, Mike Reed, Linville Reed, Wally Witt, David Daniels, Steve McElroy, Gerald Lawson, Elsey Harris, Byron Cantrell, Jack Kennedy, Gerald Delp, Mike Brown, Huck Hunnicutt, Mike Muir, Jim Price, Richard Sowdon, David Ewald, Jack Mooney, William Witt, and Sallie Graham.

Greg Stewart spoke to Council and asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration.

There being no further names put into nomination, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing and advised that hopefully the appointments would be made at the next meeting.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Adding Section 14-4.2 to the Norton City Code Providing for Permits for Camping at the Flag Rock Recreation Facility and Establishing a Fine for Failure to Have a Camping Permit.

Mr. Ward advised this ordinance set a procedure for camping at Flag Rock and a fine system for failure to pay the required camping fee. This ordinance has been duly advertised and asked that Council give it favorable consideration following the public hearing.

Mayor Raines advised the change was made to a Class IV Misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$250.00 and the permit has a cost of \$5.00.

Mr. Ward advised of the many changes that have taken place at Flag Rock and urged everyone to use this facility.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing on An Ordinance Adding Section 14-4.2 to the Norton City Code Providing for Permits for Camping at the Flag Rock Recreation Facility and Establishing a Fine for Failure to Have a Camping Permit.

There was no public response during the public hearing.

Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adding Section 14-4.2 to the Norton City Code Providing for Permits for Camping at the Flag Rock Recreation Facility and Establishing a Fine for Failure to Have a Camping Permit. (Insert) Said ordinance is to be effective in 30 days.

Council had a request from the Norton Press to Use City Property. Mr. Ward advised that Mrs. Robbie Tate, Publisher and President of the Norton Press, had requested to extend their loading dock by 2'2" from the side of their building. The City Manager advised the City had done extensive work on the parking lot beside this building. The Norton Press has had a problem for some time in unloading materials and supplies due to the layout and size of the dock. He showed Council some pictures that were taken of the current loading dock.

The City Attorney advised he has researched this and this request can be made by means of a revocable permit and he recommended the sketch be attached to the revocable permit. Mrs. Robbie Tate was present to answer any questions.

At this time, Vice Mayor Mays advised that due to the fact that his wife is an employee of this company, he would abstain from any action on this item.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following vote: Roberts, Wallace, McCall, Raines - YES, Mays - ABSTAIN, Council moved to allow the Norton Press to use City property to extend their loading dock.

The City Manager is to draft this revocable permit in letter form and send to the Norton Press.

Mrs. Tate thanked Council for their consideration and then reminded Council

of the grand opening of the Centennial Office on Friday, May 20, 1994, and asked that they be present and in their green jackets.

Council had a request from Mr. Don Wax to install an awning on City right of way. Mr. Ward advised this awning was on the old Cohen Building property purchased by Mr. Wax and will be on a side door adjacent to the new park area. The awning will be over City property approximately 3'. The City Manager has looked at the site and sees nothing wrong with honoring this request which will also be done by means of a revocable permit.

16008

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to issue a revocable permit to Don Wax for the installation of an awning on City right of way.

The City Manager is to notify Mr. Wax of this revocable permit and Mayor Raines also commended Mr. Wax for the work that has been done on this building.

Council had in their packets A Proclamation Declaring Emergency Medical Services Week. Mayor Raines introduced Mr. Bill Stokes who is the Public Education Information Officer.

Mr. Stokes advised on behalf of the Norton Rescue Squad he would like to present to Council a picture of the current Squad and also a poem entitled, "EMS - To Our Home Town" to thank Council for all their support throughout the years. After the City Manager's reading of the poem, Mayor Raines accepted both and thanked the Squad for all they have done for the citizens of Norton and also recognized Vice Mayor Mays, who is Captain of the Norton Rescue Squad.

16009

Upon a motion by William Mays (who is also Regional Director of the South-west Virginia Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation to Designate the Week of May 15 - 21, 1994 As Emergency Medical Services Week. (Insert)

Police Chief Sam Mongle read to Council a Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Recognizing National Police Week.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Recognizing National Police Week May 15-21, 1994. (Insert)

16010

Mayor Raines expressed thanks to the Police Department for the emergency protection given to the residents of Norton by them.

Police Chief Mongle read to Council A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

16011

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. (Insert)

Police Chief Mongle read to Council A Proclamation To Designate the Week of May 23 - 30, 1994, as Buckle Up America! Week.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation To Designate the Week of May 23 - 30, 1994, As Buckle Up America! Week. (Insert)

16012

Council had been presented with A Proclamation declaring the week of May 15 - 21, 1994 as National Association of Insurance Women Week. This proclamation was read in its entirety by the Clerk.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 15 - 21, 1994 as National Association of Insurance Women Week. (Insert)

16013

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, 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.

16014

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back in regular session.

16015

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 William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

16016

Mayor Raines advised that there was no report to be made regarding personnel.

16017

In his comments, the City Manager advised he would be out of town Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20, 1994, and that Mr. Ramey will be Acting City Manager during that time.

16018

He also advised of a new sign that has been erected at the entrance to Flag Rock that is very impressive and urged all to take note of same.

There were no comments by Council.

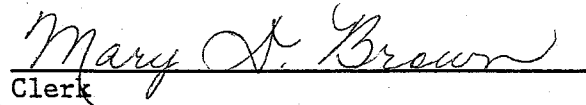
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk