

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 20, 1994 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 E. W. Ward, City Manager, which was followed by the pledge led by City Treasurer Joe Stallard.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 6, 1994 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines amended the agenda under item 6-C-1 to include A Resolution Authorizing the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority to Perform Work in the City.

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

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Mr. Joe Stallard, City Treasurer, presented Council with his annual report on his office and discussed with them 1993 uncollected taxes, land sales by the City, set-off debt, credit card usage, unreported legally uncollectible taxes, and investments.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Stallard for his presentation and advised him that Council appreciated the work being done by his office.

Mr. Ward presented to Council for discussion a draft resolution covering a 3% retirement benefit for current and future retirees. This had been passed by the 1994 General Assembly and was Senate Bill 2008. The effective date is October 1, 1994. Once passed, this is non-revocable.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Ward get additional information on this and bring same back to Council.

In Council's packets was information regarding the rezoning of the Round Town Section of Norton from Residential A to Residential B.

Mr. Ward advised this request came from several residents of this area and that this had been before the Planning Commission, who had held a public hearing on same. There was no opposition at this public hearing and several spoke in favor of the rezoning and the Planning Commission unanimously voted in favor of the rezoning.

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Having a map of the area, Mr. Ward pointed out the area to be affected by this proposed rezoning.

To act on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, property owners need to be notified by mail and a public hearing needs to be held.

Mr. Ward advised a public hearing will be scheduled for the October 4, 1994 council meeting for the purpose of rezoning Round Town from Residential A to Residential B.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Authorizing the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority to Perform Work in the City. Mr. Ward advised this was due to the Community Development Block Grant Water/Sewer Improvements and Housing Improvements to be done in the Anderson Hollow and Spring Avenue areas. Housing improvements that are needed have to be done by certified housing specialists that meets Block Grant guidelines and certification. City crews cannot do this work; however the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority personnel are certified housing rehab specialists and they have agreed to enter into a contract with the City to do

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this work. In order to do so, a resolution needs to be adopted allowing them to do this work within the city limits and permitting them to enter into a contract with the City.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority to Perform Work in the City of Norton. (Insert)

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

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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 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 Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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As to personnel and the appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for Mr. Cantrell's seat, Mayor Raines advised that Council is in receipt of a letter from the Wise County Board of Supervisors advising that upon the termination of Charlie Daniels' term on the Wise County Industrial Authority, the reciprocal agreement between the City and County should be dissolved.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council agreed with the Wise County Board of Supervisors to dissolve this agreement.

Mr. Ward is to send a letter advising the Wise County Board of Supervisors of Council's agreement.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on September 30, 1998.

Roy Roberts nominated Mrs. Marilyn Maxwell to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Marilyn Maxwell reappointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on September 30, 1998.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The City had selected Thompson and Litton of Wise as the Engineer of Record for the Community Development Block Grant.

Selected the firm of K. W. Poore and Associates of Richmond as the consultants for the Planning Grant the City received.

The City Administration and the Green Thumb Garden Club working with the Centennial Committee are having a Centennial Tree Project on VDOT right-of-way in the area going toward Ramsey and Bear Creek in which trees can be bought and planted in memory or honor of.

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Purchased a 1983 used International Garbage Truck.

The Ronnie Milsap Concert will be held September 25, 1994 at the Lawson-Fitchko Stadium. Gates open at 5:30. pre-show is at 6:45, and Ronnie Milsap at 8:00.

In comments from Council, Mr. McCall advised he would be out of town on

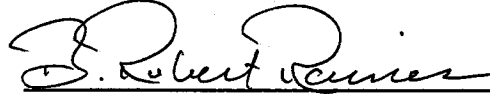
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business at the October 4, 1994 council meeting.

Mayor Raines commended the Centennial Steering Committee for the very successful Governor's Day held on September 10th in which the current Governor and two past governors were present. He expressed Council's appreciation for their hard work.

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B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown, Clerk