

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 3, 1993 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 Rev. Jim Jenkins and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 1993 meeting as presented.

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

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Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Approving a Bond Issuance as Requested by the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

The City Attorney advised he had attended two NIDA meetings and that the NIDA had approved Norton Community Hospital's request to reissue these bonds which will allow them to have a lower interest rate and to extend their payments and improve their cash flow. He further advised all the paper work was in order and he recommended the approval of this resolution.

David Brandon, Administrator of Norton Community Hospital, spoke briefly to Council and advised he would answer any questions of Council.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia. (Insert)

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Mr. Buford Sturgill, Chairman of the Board of Norton Community Hospital, thanked Council for their consideration on this matter and Mayor Raines advised that Council appreciates all the efforts of Norton Community.

Council had an application for a water tap in the county by Janie Hamilton is Josphine.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following vote: YES - Wallace, Raines, Mays, and McCall, NO - Roberts, Council moved to approve a water tap in Josephine for Janie Hamilton.

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Mr. Ward advised Council of the upcoming Virginia Municipal League Conference which will be held in Richmond this year October 17 - 19, 1993. He asked Council to consider attending this conference and to advise him as soon as possible in order that he might register them.

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Mr. Ward advised he was now back in receipt of the Sign Ordinance, which had been sent back to the Planning Commission by Council, with revisions made regarding the concerns Council had.

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The one actual change which had been made was in the area of moving signs. Mr. Ward then went over each of the remaining concerns with Council advising the answers to these concerns were in the Ordinance. Several members of Council had questions regarding the Appeals Process.

Mr. Roberts is opposed to this ordinance due to the grandfathering permitted in it and also because of the Appeals Process.

Following a lengthy discussion, the City Manager was advised by Mayor Raines to advertise this ordinance for a public hearing at the earliest date which would be the September 7, 1993 meeting.

The City Manager presented each member of Council with a Handbook for

Virginia Mayors and Council Members and a copy of the Comparative Report of Local Government Revenues and Expenditures. He advised both of these would be very useful as a reference and were very informative.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting 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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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Regional Disability Services Board for a two year and a three year term.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Jim Boggs and Ms. Shelly Knox to be appointed to the Regional Disability Board for the two and three year terms.

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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 Mr. Jim Boggs appointed to the two year term and Ms Shelly Knox appointed to the three year term on the Regional Disability Board.

In his comments, the City Manager advised that Council had wanted the Administration to advertise a public hearing on the hours of sale of alcoholic drinks for the August 17th meeting; however the City Attorney will not be present at that meeting. It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Ward advertise the public hearing on alcoholic drinks for the September 7th meeting and the public hearing on the Sign Ordinance for the September 21st meeting.

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During comments from Council, Ron McCall advised he had been made aware of a new technology on repairing sewer lines wherein you don't have to dig up streets and felt the City might want to look into this.

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Mr. Ward advised he was aware of this technology but that it had been very expensive.

Mayor Raines advised members of Council to check their calendars for the dates of the VML Conference and to get back with Mr. Ward.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

*B. Robert Raines*

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ATTEST:

*Mary D. Brown*, Clerk