The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 7, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Linda Sturgill, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays and Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by School Board Chairman Marty Hagy.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 16, 1992 meeting as presented.  $^{15423}$ 

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

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At this time, Mayor Raines announced there was an amendment to the agenda. Under Item 6-C Executive Session, he is adding item 6-C-2 to discuss legal matters as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution awarding the bids for the three new fire trucks to Chief's Fire and Rescue, Inc. of Warrensville, North Carolina.

Mr. Ward advised the City had received four bids on the new fire equipment and that the recommendation of the City Administration, based on the approval of the Farmers Home Administration, was that the City accept the bid of Chief's Fire and Rescue, Inc.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution authorizing Chief's Fire and Rescue, Inc. of Warrensville, North Carolina be awarded the bid for the City's three new fire trucks in the amount of \$780,715.00. (Insert)

Fire Chief Still expressed his appreciation to Council on behalf of the Fire Department and the citizens of Norton for their support on the purchase of these new vehicles. Mayor Raines, in turn, on behalf of Council thanked Chief Still and his department for the job done by them.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a Planning Grant.

Mr. Ward advised this was a \$15,000 grant being sought from the Virginia Community Development Block Grant funds for a Water and Sewer System 15427 Comprehensive Planning Study which the City will add \$5,000 in local funds for a total project cost of \$20,000. Mr. Ward further advised this grant had been discussed previously by Council and the City Manager was authorized to apply for said grant.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a Planning Grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Virginia Development Block Grant Funds for the purpose of a Water and Sewer System Comprehensive Planning Study. (Insert)

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 and legal 15428 matters as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

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 William 15430 Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised under legal matters, Council had been updated on a legal matter and no action was taken.

As for personnel, Mayor Raines advised that Council had appointed a committee consisting of Councilman Mays and Wallace to assist the City Manager in screening applicants for the position of City Attorney.

In his comments, the City Manager advised the following:

A public hearing will be held on the July 21st council meeting for the renewal of a Dance Hall Permit for the Holiday Inn.

The 1992 General Reassessment of Property is in and the Board of Equalization Hearings are completed. Property values have remained fairly constant with a slight increase of .0038%.

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We have been advised by the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority that our meter station has not been fixed and that they are working on it. He also advised our flow meter is reading high.

There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council and the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

ATTEST:

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