

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, December 15, 1992 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. Wayne Harrison and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 1, 1992 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Rev. Harrison spoke regarding the recent coal mine tragedy and seeing City personnel working during this time. He expressed appreciation for the fine leadership shown by these individuals.

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A public hearing was held to consider financial encumbrances for the year ending June 30, 1992 in the amount of \$242,175 of which \$113,993 is attributable to the General Operating Fund and \$128,182 is attributable to the Norton City Schools.

Mr. Ward spoke briefly on this and Mayor Raines advised it was basically a housekeeping item.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public comments.

There was no response for public comments and Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the financial encumbrances for the year ending June 30, 1992 in the amount of \$242,175 of which \$113,993 is attributable to the General Operating Fund and \$128,182 is attributable to the Norton City Schools to be brought forth out of Unappropriated Reserves.

Mr. Bardin Thrower of the accounting firm of Thrower and Thrower, was present and briefly went over the audit with Council. He advised that the tax collections were the best that they had been in years and advised that all City personnel had worked very well with them in the preparation of this audit. Mr. Thrower answered several questions asked by Council members.

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Council had been presented a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia which covered the State requirements on Phase I of the Comprehensive Youth Services Act.

Mr. Bill Stokes, Director of Social Services, spoke to Council on this resolution and also suggested the name of Mrs. Amelia Harris as the Parent Representative to be named to this six member Board. The establishment and membership of this Board is contained in the above resolution.

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Following a brief discussion and 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. (Insert)

Mr. Ward presented to Council the changes/additions that need to be done to the City of Norton Employee Handbook and briefly went over each of them.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City Manager proceed with having these changes/additions made and new copies printed.

Council had been presented with a copy of a check made payable to the Norton

City School Board in the amount of \$140,000 dated 11/30/92 to cover payroll.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$140,000 dated 11/30/92 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The City Council had been presented by the Norton Rescue Squad at their annual Christmas banquet their Service Award for 1992. Councilmen Ron McCall and Roy Roberts accepted this award on behalf of the City Council.

On January 4, 1992, the E-911 will go on line concurrently with Wise County.

He extended Season's Greetings to Council members and the City Attorney.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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Councilman Ron McCall advised he had, throughout the year, heard favorable comments on all City employees and since this had been such a good year for the City, he would like to see these efforts recognized by additional compensation.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to give all full time City employees and Constitutional Officers an additional amount of \$300 and to the part-time employees an additional amount of \$150.

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Councilman Roberts, in his comment, made the statement that this is for this year only and should not be expected every year.

William Mays spoke on the mine tragedy that had recently occurred and advised he was very proud of our local media people, especially Ms. Suzanne Pahl, of the Coalfield Progress.

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Mr. Raines spoke of Governor Wilder's recent visit to the AT&T Relay Center in which he announced the addition of 100 new jobs.

Mayor Raines also spoke of the mine tragedy and commended very highly Mr. Butch Bradley of WNVA and also the other representatives of Wise County who worked during this time.

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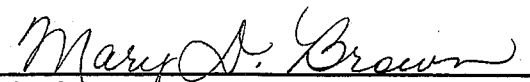
Mayor Raines wished to all present and to our citizens a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



City Manager

ATTEST:



Clerk