

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 21, 1991, 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 and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Wayne Harrison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by City Treasurer Joe Stallard.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 7, 1991 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held on an Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1991 Thru June 30, 1992 Appropriating Funds for all Contemplated Expenses of the City For The Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

The City Manager advised there were no increases in General Property Taxes, no rate increases in business license taxes, local taxes, water, sewer, and garbage fees. The only increases are the ones recently made by Council in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Ward advised Council of some of the accomplishments made in the last several years without increased general property taxes.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public input on the City of Norton 1991-1992 budget.

Mr. Carroll Tate advised that a good job had been done on the budget.

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There being no further public comments, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing and asked for comments from Council.

There were no comments from Council.

The Mayor advised that passage of this ordinance would take place at the next meeting.

A public hearing was held to seek nominations for the appointment of school board members as per Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia as amended.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations for appointments to the City of Norton School Board.

Mrs. Betty Lewis, West Main Avenue, submitted the name of Steven Ward Hensley.

Rev. Wayne Harrison, Ridge Avenue, submitted the name of Mrs. Jewell Ball, Dr. Marty Prince, Cliff Daniels, and Ron Hamblin.

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George Lewis, West Main Avenue, submitted the name of Jon Rockett.

There being no further comments or nominations, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Amending Section 20-52 of the Norton City Code as Pertains to Fishing Fees for the Reservoir.

Mr. Ward advised this ordinance handles the changes in the fees charged for fishing at the reservoir for veterans who have a permanent and total service connected disability as certified by the Veterans Administration wherein they may obtain a lifetime fishing license at no charge.

Joe Stallard, City Treasurer, advised Council that he and Mr. Ward had met with Mr. Glenn Hill of the Old Dominion Sportsman Club and that they had some recommendations on this ordinance. Council discussed these recommendations.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following vote: Sturgill - NAY, Wallace, Raines, Mays, and McCall - AYE, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending Section 20-52 of the City of Norton Code with the change made in Part B - changing the word "persons" to "City residents". (Insert)

15076

Council had been presented in their packets a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

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 of the City Council of the City of Norton adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

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Council had been presented with a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$150,000 to cover payroll.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$150,000 to the Norton City Schools.

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Council had been submitted a request from the City Treasurer for a refund in the amount of \$117.23 to Mr. Kenny R. Collins, Rt. 1 - Box 218, Appalachia, Va. due to an error made in the Debt Set Off Program.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a refund in the amount of \$117.23 to Mr. Kenny R. Collins for mobile home taxes.

The City Treasurer, Mr. Joe Stallard, had presented to Council a contract between the City of Norton and the Wise County Board of Supervisors wherein the City would have access to their computer equipment which would provide the City with access to the Department of Motor Vehicles files and the files of Virginia Department of Taxation.

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The City Manager turned the floor over to Mr. Stallard to comment on this contract. Mr. Stallard advised the City would be charged a fee of \$17.50 per hour for use of this equipment, but that it would be another tool for his office to use in the collection of delinquent revenues.

The City Attorney stated the contract was in good form.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute the contract with the Wise County Board of Supervisors for computer services.

The Mayor commended the Treasurer on his efforts to collect delinquent revenues for the City.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following roll call vote: Sturgill - NO, Wallace, Raines, Mays, and McCall - YES, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended. After the motion was made and before the second, Mrs. Sturgill expressed a desire to stay in open session and accept nominations from the audience for the appointments as listed on the agenda. Mayor Raines then advised the Council was authorized to go into Executive Session.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting.

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

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Social Services Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire May 22, 1995.

William Mays nominated Mr. Keith Burchette.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Keith Burchette reappointed to the City of Norton Social Services Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire May 22, 1995.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a four year term which will expire May 10, 1995.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Steve Collins.

Ron McCall nominated Ms. Dorothy Chittester.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote, Sturgill - Yes to Chittester, No to Collins, Wallace, Raines, Mays and McCall - YES to both nominees.

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Steve Collins and Ms. Dorothy Chittester appointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for four year terms which will expire on May 10, 1995.

At this time, Mayor Raines expressed the City's thanks to and commended Mr. Walley Witt for serving 12 years on this Authority.

The Mayor announced no appointment had been made to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority and that Mr. Ron McCall would continue serving until this appointment is made.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations of a Student Representative to the Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board for a four year term which will expire on May 2, 1995.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. David Thompson.

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. David Thompson as the Student Representative to the Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board for a four year term which will expire on May 2, 1995.

At this time, Mayor Raines expressed the City's appreciation to Mr. Victor Jones III for serving on this Board.

The Mayor advised no action was taken on the appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the City of Norton School Board.

There were no comments from the City Manager or the City Attorney.

During Council comments, Mr. McCall advised he had received a request from the Burton High School Principal, Mr. Passan, and Athletic Director, Mr. Wilson, for funds in the amount of \$600 to help cover expenses of the Burton High School Boys and Girls Track Teams who will participate in the State Tournament to be held Saturday, May 25, 1991 in Lexington, Va.


Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized \$600.00 to be taken from Contingency to be given to Burton High School to help with the expenses of the track teams going to the State Tournament.

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



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk