

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 6, 1991, at 7:36 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding. The meeting was late in starting due to an electrical outage at City Hall.

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

Absent: Linda Sturgill

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Larry Murphy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 16, 1991 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Brenda Whitaker, spokesperson for a delegation of residents from the 13th Street and Spruce Street, N. W. area, spoke to Council regarding the flooding and drainage problems they are experiencing due to the building of Norton Green Apartments.

Mr. Ward advised he had been in touch with the developer and that the problems with the retention pond had been corrected; however he had talked with them again regarding the problems with the ditchlines.

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Other members of this delegation speaking were Mr. Tag Davidson, Imogene Calhoun, and Linda D. Wells.

Mr. Ward advised he would contact the developer again on Wednesday, August 7th, and advise Mrs. Calhoun of his findings.

Mayor Raines advised the delegation that Council would help resolve the problems.

Mr. Fred Ramey, Planning and Development Director for the City of Norton, spoke to Council advising that he and Mayor Raines had gone to Richmond in July as part of a delegation to accept a Certification as a Certified Virginia Community and he now wished to present to Council this Certification.

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At this time, Mayor Raines asked Mr. George Lewis, a member of the Norton Industrial Development Authority, to come forward and share in the acceptance of this Certification since he was on the initial trip of various locations in the State to see what was being done in economic development and brought back such enthusiasm.

Mr. Ward advised he would like to hang this Certification in the lobby of City Hall. It was the consensus of Council to do so.

Mr. Ramey advised the City would be receiving the green highway signs designating Norton as a Certified Virginia Community soon.

At this time, Mayor Raines advised there was an addition to be made to Item 7-B Executive Session. The description is to include Evaluation of Personnel.

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A public hearing was held on a request by W. P. Armistead and Bill Sturgill, participants in the Downtown Store Front Program, for a Special Use Permit covering the encroachments on City right-of-way with the installation of awnings on Park Avenue Center (formerly the Lambert Building). The encroachments will be on both the Park Avenue and 7th Street sides of this building.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

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Mr. Bill Sturgill was present and spoke briefly to Council on this.

There were no other public comments and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman McCall took this time to commend both Mr. Armistead and Mr. Sturgill for the renovations they have done in downtown Norton.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by

unanimous vote, Council authorized the Special Use Permit to Mr. W. P. Armistead and Mr. Bill Sturgill for the Park Avenue Center for the encroachment on City right-of-way.

Council had been presented in their packets an ordinance entitled A Joint Amended Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, the Town Council of the Town of Wise, Virginia, and the Town Council of the Town of Coeburn, Virginia Creating A Sewer Disposal Authority Pursuant to Section 15.1-1241 of the Code of Virginia to be Known as the Coeburn-Norton-Wise Regional Waste Water Treatment Authority, Restating the Articles of Incorporation of the Same to be Filed with the State Corporation Commission, Reducing the Number of Members of the Authority and Restating the Powers and Duties of the Authority in the Articles of Incorporation.

Mr. Ward advised this ordinance had already been passed by the Town of Wise and would be going before the Coeburn Council on August 12th and the purpose is to reduce the size of the Authority from nine members to six - two from each location. He further advised that Mr. McCall's term on this Authority had expired on May 15, 1991 and he wished not to be reappointed. This leaves the City with Mr. Cliff Daniels and Mr. William Mays still serving on this Authority. Also, this ordinance will have to be approved by the State Corporation Commission.

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Prior to any discussion, the Clerk read the title of this amended ordinance.

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 Joint Amended Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, the Town Council of the Town of Wise, Virginia, and the Town Council of the Town of Coeburn, Virginia Creating A Sewer Disposal Authority Pursuant to Section 15.1-1241 of the Code of Virginia To Be Known As the Coeburn-Norton-Wise Regional Waste Water Treatment Authority, Restating the Articles of Incorporation of the Same to be Filed with the State Corporation Commission. (Insert)

The City Manager advised that the regional plant began getting flow from Coeburn and became operational today.

The City had been presented a proposal from the Department of Transportation to purchase one-tenth of an acre of land owned by the City on Route 610 in the Josephine section at a price of \$660.00. Mr. Ward advised this land was of no use to the City or the Regional Sewer Authority in the future and is needed by the Highway Department in order to replace a bridge and straighten out the road.

The City Attorney has reviewed this Option Agreement and approved it with the change in wording from "warranty" to "special warranty".

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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 an Option Agreement with the Department of Transportation with the change in wording to "special warranty" made on said agreement.

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 Ron McCall, 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 member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting.

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

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The Mayor announced there were no reports to be made on the appointments to the Head Start Board, the Norton Highway and Safety Commission, or the evaluation of personnel.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised that he was in receipt of the revised copies of the Solid Waste Management Plan and that hopefully a public hearing would be scheduled for the next meeting and that the City Attorney will prepare a joint resolution on same.

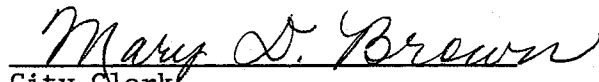
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There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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

  
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B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk