

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 20, 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 Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 6, 1991 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Otis Mullins, 1001 Spruce Street, spoke to Council regarding a house he owns at 122 - 5th Street which is next door to an abandoned house which has weeds growing up over it. He asked for some relief from Council in condemning the house, having the owners tear it down, or cut the weeds and bill the owners of this property.

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Mr. Ward advised the City had been previously told by the owners that they were going to tear down the house and clear the lot.

Mayor Raines advised the City Manager to again contact the property owner and then take whatever steps necessary to alleviate the situation. Mr. Ward is to keep Mr. Mullins informed.

Mr. Ronnie Richardson, 1103 Petrey Street, spoke to Council regarding the children in Saw Mill Hollow having to walk all the way to the railroad tracks in order to catch a school bus due to the weight limit on the bridge being lowered. He also advised that the water they were getting in Ramsey was undesirable.

Mr. Ward advised that the City plans to make repairs to the bridge before cold weather hopefully and that the lower weight limit was posted in April of this year.

As to the water situation, Mr. Ward advised this area of town along with others in the eastern section of the City are on Wise County Public Service Authority water as per an agreement made in 1988 with the Wise County PSA. Mr. Mark Hollyfield, Superintendent of the Water Plant, was present and advised that this water is perfectly safe and samples are taken several times a month and sent to the State for testing. He further advised he would be glad to take samples from any residence and have it tested. Mr. Dencil Richardson advised he would like his water tested.

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Other residents from Ramsey speaking about the water were: Mr. Coffey, Mrs. Betty Coffey, and Deborah Addison.

Following a lengthy discussion, the City Manager is to check on the number of customers receiving this water and see if others are experiencing these problems. Any resident wishing to have his water tested should contact Mr. Ward.

Rev. Wayne Harrison, 714 Ridge Avenue, spoke to Council and thanked them for the Fourth of July activities at the City Park. He thought it was a wonderful activity which was centrally located and hoped it would be held there again next year.

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The Mayor advised there was an addition to be made on Agenda Item No. 7-C - Executive Session. We are adding item #4 - Evaluation of Personnel.

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A public hearing was held on A Resolution Adopting a Solid Waste Management Plan for the City of Norton. Mr. Ward advised this joint plan had been prepared by the engineering firm of Dewberry and Davis for the localities of Wise County, City of Norton, Appalachia, Coeburn, Big Stone Gap, Pound, St. Paul, and Wise and

has been adopted by Wise County and St. Paul. Mr. Ward further advised Mr. Kevin Heath of Dewberry and Davis was present to answer any questions.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting A Solid Waste Management Plan. (Insert)

Council had a request from Halliburton Services for a sewer tap consisting of 12 ERC's.

Mr. Ward advised that the Planning Commission had approved this sewer tap at their last meeting and that the City Administration nor the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority had a problem with this request.

Representatives of Halliburton were present to answer any questions from Council.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: AYES: Wallace, Raines, Mays, McCall - NAYS: Sturgill, Council authorized a sewer tap consisting of 12 ERC's for Halliburton Services.

Council had been presented in their packets a copy of the Pre-Emergency Water Contingency Plan and the Declaration of a Water Emergency.

Mr. Ward advised one of the main changes in the proposed new plan was that of the consideration of Council to declare an emergency at 50,000,000 gallons rather than the 60,000,000 in the old plan. The Pre-Emergency Plan weaves the PSA water into the City during the times that the reservoir is declining.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the Pre-Emergency Water Contingency Plan and the Declaration of a Water Emergency.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, 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, the disposition of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and the evaluation of personnel.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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

The Mayor announced there were no reports to be made on the appointments to the Norton Highway and Safety Commission and the Norton Industrial Development Authority and also no report on the evaluation of personnel.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Head Start Board for a three year term which will expire on August 31, 1994.

Linda Sturgill nominated Mrs. Grace Livingston.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Grace Livingston appointed to a three year term on the Head Start Board with said term to expire August 31, 1994.

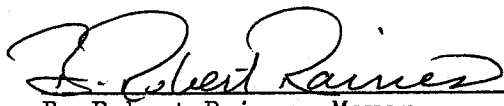
Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the sale of the City residence located at 406 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$53,000. 15163

In his comments, Mr. Ward showed Council a litter bag containing items to be given by Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, to all student drivers at J. I. Burton High School.


Mr. Ward also advised Council of the annual Virginia Municipal League meeting which will be held in Roanoke this year October 6 thru October 8. The City has reserved a block of rooms and Council is to advise the Manager at the next meeting whether or not they will be able to attend. 15164

There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council. 15165

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


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk