

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 17, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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 the City Manager followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Bill Stokes, Social Services Director.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 3, 1991 meeting as presented.

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

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The City Manager advised that Mr. Bobby Lane of Dewberry and Davis was present to give Council an update on the City's I&I Project which calls for the replacement of several thousand feet of main sewer line on railroad property and on the eastern end of the City along Rt. 74 which has been documented as a heavy contributor of the I&I. Mr. Ward further advised that Dewberry & Davis had requested the railroad to issue permits on September 26, 1990 and the first response from the railroad was August 1, 1991.

Mr. Lane briefly discussed the three phases on which the City is working on infiltration and inflow.

One of these phases concerns the work that is to be done on railroad right-of-way. Mr. Lane advised that they had requested permits from the railroad in September of 1990. They began phone conversations in January of this year to get these permits broken loose. The permits have been written and forwarded to the City by the railroad; however the concern is the cost that the railroad has put on as a permit or license fee. The total cost proposed for the City by the railroad for the 18 permits is approximately \$75,000. Mr. Lane advised Dewberry and Davis contacted the railroad to see how this fee was figured and they were told that it was based on property appraisal per square foot.

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Following a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to expend up to \$68,000, to negotiate for as low a cost as possible, and to execute the contracts for these permits from the railroad with said funds to come out of Water and Sewer Surplus Funds.

Mr. Fred Ramey, City Planning and Development Director, spoke to Council requesting additional funds for the completion of the breeze way between Park Avenue and Federal Street in the amount of \$28,237 and also \$19,359 needed for the completion of work at the City parking lot adjacent to the Coalfield Progress.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the expenditure of up to \$30,000 to complete the breeze-way project with said funds to come out of City reserves.

Mayor Raines advised Mr. Ramey that he had heard several favorable comments regarding the down town area and he commended the City staff on their efforts.

On 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, and the Use of Real Property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back 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 William Mays, 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 appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority and also no report on the use of real property.

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to be Mountain Empire Older Citizens Board for a two year term.

William Mays nominated Michele Knox.

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


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Mayor Raines declared Michele Knox reappointed to another two year term on the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Board. This term will expire September 15, 1993.

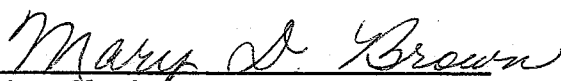
There were no comments from the City Manager, City Attorney, or Council.

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


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk