

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, December 3, 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 P. Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Father Tom Collins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 1991 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Mrs. Betty Coffey, 228 McCoy Street, spoke to Council regarding the purchase of water from the Public Service Authority.

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Council had a request from Mr. V. T. Cassell of the Josephine section of Norton for a water tap for a residence.

The City Manager advised water was available at this location.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a tap in the Josephine section of Norton for Mr. V. T. Cassell.

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Mr. Calvin Honaker of the accounting firm, Thrower and Thrower, presented to Council the audit for the City of Norton for the year ending June 30, 1991. Mr. Honaker went over the audit briefly with Council and advised them of his availability to answer any questions or discuss this with them after their review.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Honaker for the excellent job done on this audit.

Council had in their packets a request from Dr. Armentrout, Superintendent of the City of Norton Schools, asking that Council amend the current School Board Budget in the amount of \$35,000 as the line item of that amount covering the Textbook Fund had been inadvertently omitted.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the current City of Norton budget in the amount of \$35,000 to be designated for the Textbook Fund.

The City Manager gave Council a brief history on the E-911 Project and advised that the project as originally envisioned will be non-existent.

Mr. Ward presented Council with three options and asked for their guidance and direction as to which way they would like for him to proceed. These options were: 1. Join the County in a regional system. 2. Abandon E-911. 3. Provide E-911 for the City of Norton independent of Wise County.

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Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to take Option 3 which is to provide E-911 independent of Wise County and, if possible, go on line at the same time the County does which is October of 1992. Council further concurred and authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the C & P Phone Company for the purpose of E-911.

The City Attorney advised that Council needed to amend the original ordinance passed in order to keep the tariffs that have been collected from phone customers in the City of Norton. The City Attorney will prepare the Letter of Revocation and an ordinance covering this and bring them back to Council.

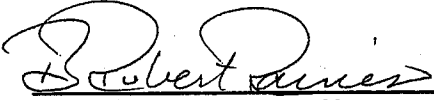
In his comments, the City Manager advised that the Superintendent of Schools had invited Council to their Employee Appreciation Luncheon to be held on January 3, 1992. Members of Council should advise Dr. Armentrout by December 18, 1991.

Mr. Ward reminded Council of the City of Norton Christmas Party to be held Thursday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Norton Community Center. Council is also invited to sit on the reviewing stand for the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th. The parade will be followed by the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the City Park.

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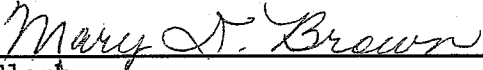
There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk