

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Sean Easterling and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting as presented.

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

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At this time, Mayor Raines recognized City employees who are eligible for Employee Service Pins. Those employees with 10 years of service are Paul E. Bevins, Police Department; Julia Newsome, Commissioner of Revenue's Office; and Margaret Asher and Lisa Vanover, Social Services. Employees with 15 years of service are Charles Pitts, Water Plant, and Sandra Osborne, Police Department. Employees with 20 years of service are Sam Mongle, Police Department. Employees with 25 years of service are Dennis Brummitte, Police Department and Richard Hurt, Building Inspector and Public Works Director.

Present tonight to receive these Employee Service Pins presented by Mayor Raines were Sam Mongle, Richard Hurt, and Dennis Brummitte.

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Mayor Raines thanked all of these employees for their many years of service to the City.

Mrs. Muiread Craft of the Lonesome Pine SWCD was present and gave Council a brief synopsis of the Implementation Plan for the Guest River Aquatic Life-Use TMDL and Sepulcher Creek, Crab Orchard Creek and Toms/Little Toms Creek Bacteria TMDL. Mrs. Craft had spoken to Council a year ago on this topic and had advised that she would be back to present this plan to Council. She is asking for Council's approval of this plan in the form of a resolution.

Following this presentation, Mrs. Craft answered questions from Council.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mrs. Craft for her presentation.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan. (Insert)

Council had a request for a Revocable Special Use Permit by Mr. Bobby S. Belcher of Spruce Street to use City right-of-way. This property is known as Atlee Terrace. Mr.

Belcher had previously wanted to purchase this right-of-way from the City. Council had advised Mr. Belcher that they do not own this property. They only have the right-of-way. In Mr. Belcher's letter, he states what he wishes to do with this property.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, City Council authorized the City Manager to designate the authorized portion of the right-of-way that will be included in this Revocable Special Use Permit for Mr. Belcher's use.

Council had been presented in their packets a copy of the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority Audit and their proposed 2005-2006 budget.

Mr. Ward gave Council a brief synopsis of their audit and advised that the Authority, in their proposed 2005-2006 budget, is requesting an increase in the City's contribution of \$18,025 over the previous year. Mr. Ward advised that he feels that they have both a good audit and budget.

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The public hearing on this budget will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Coeburn. These new rates will go into effect on July 1, 2005.

The Council had been presented with a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$270,000.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$270,000.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

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Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Closed Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that:

Statement of Economic Interest and Financial Disclosure Forms are due to the Clerk by January 18, 2005.

The City audit will be presented at the next Council meeting.

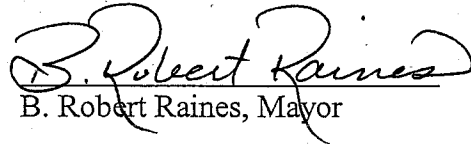
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The annual CIP Meeting is tentatively set for Friday, February 25, 2005 at 12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn.

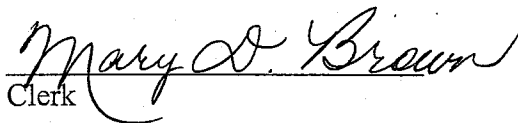
The City has added the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday for its employees. City offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2005.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk