

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was 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 May 21, 2002 meeting as presented.

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

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Council had been presented in their packet An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2002 Thru June 30, 2003 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

Mayor Raines gave a brief synopsis on the budget, which totals \$6,534,803.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES - Wallace, Raines, Mays, Fawbush, NO - None, ABSENT - Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2002 Thru June 30, 2003 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.  
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Dr. Terrance Suarez, President of Mountain Empire Community College, and Ms. Patty Cantrell, Vice President of Financial Administration Services, were present at tonight's meeting. Dr. Suarez spoke briefly giving an update as to what is taking place at the college and to also thank Council for their continued support. Following his presentation, Dr. Suarez gave Council a handout covering his brief update.

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Mayor Raines thanked Dr. Suarez for his presentation.

Council had a request from the Norton City Schools for a budget amendment to their 2001-2002 budget in the amount of \$20,006.

Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent of Norton City Schools, was present and discussed this budget amendment with Council. He advised that this covered E-Rate Funds in the amount of \$20,006.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 2001-2002 Norton City Schools budget in the amount of \$20,006.

Council had before them tonight A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Ward spoke briefly on this program and advised that the first year items are the only ones that are appropriated in the budget. Years two through five are for planning purposes.

There were no questions or comments from Council on this resolution.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Council that he had attended a meeting at the District Office of VDOT in Bristol in May for a briefing on the upcoming Six Year Transportation Plan, which will be approved on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

He further advised Council that the City Tipple Hill Project, which was scheduled during 2003-2004, is now out of the 6 Year Plan. The Coalfield Expressway was not removed from the plan and the maintenance portion of VDOT's budget, from which the City receives one-half million dollars a year for maintaining roads, is preserved.

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

The City's swimming pool opened on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Best Friend Festival starts this weekend and Council is encouraged to attend as many events as they can.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

Mayor Raines advised that due to the upcoming Fourth of July holiday and conflicting schedules, he felt that Council should cancel the June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings and reschedule one meeting for June 25<sup>th</sup>. The second regularly scheduled meeting in July will be held as usual.

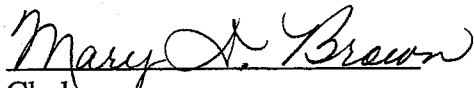
Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to cancel the June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings and reschedule one meeting for June 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
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B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk