

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal 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 the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Mrs. Judy Miller, President of the Norton Lions Club.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 4, 2000 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held on the consideration of the reissuance of Public Dance Hall Permits to the Holiday Inn and the Virginia-Kentucky Opry.

Mr. Ward advised that these renewals are under the new Public Dance Hall Ordinance and are issued annually. He advised that the manager of the Holiday Inn was present, as was the Police Chief, to answer any questions Council may have.

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Police Chief Mongle spoke briefly on the past year's activities at the two locations and advised that the Police Department recommends the reissuance of these two permits.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to issue Public Dance Hall Permits to the Holiday Inn and the Virginia-Kentucky Opry for a period of one year.

Mr. Ward will notify both businesses.

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Council had in their packets a request for funds to support the Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia All America City Campaign.

Mr. Ward advised that this campaign is a marketing plan to enhance regional cooperation and to advertise the area in national publications. The target goal is \$200,000 and the suggested method to fund these goals is on a per capita basis. The City is being asked to contribute ten cents per capita and our contribution would be \$425.00 and should come from Contingency.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to contribute \$425.00 to the Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia All America City Campaign with said funds to come from Contingency.

A Resolution Honoring Mr. W. Leland Branham, Virginia Department of Transportation's Resident Engineer since 1985 was read by Mayor Raines. 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 Honoring Mr. W. Leland Branham. (Insert) Mayor Raines asked Mr. Branham to come forward and receive a plaque for his many contributions to the City of Norton.

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Mr. Branham spoke briefly to Council and advised that Norton had always had excellent leadership and thanked Council for this award.

Council had A Proclamation Declaring White Cane Days in the City of Norton as May 5th and 6th. This proclamation supporting the Lions Club in this endeavor is in memory of former Lions Club President Ken Mullins who passed away on March 12th of this year. The Clerk read this proclamation and it was the consensus of Council to adopt this proclamation. Mayor Raines then presented a copy of it to Mr. Mullins' wife, Mrs. Connie Mullins.

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Mr. Rudy Whitehorn, Lions Club past president, presented Council members with a badge recognizing the White Cane Days.

Mayor Raines read a Proclamation Declaring Keep America Beautiful Month. It was the consensus of Council to adopt this proclamation.

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Mr. Ward advised that Saturday, April 29th would be Clean Up Day in Norton and also in Wise County.

Mr. Ward advised Council that our next council meeting falls on the day of the municipal election, May 2nd. Normally, Council either cancels the meeting or moves the location of this meeting.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to change the location of our next council meeting on May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. to the Norton Rescue Squad Building. Mr. Ward is to proceed with advertising the City of Norton School Board Budget.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, 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 the members of Council as to the Certification of Closed Meeting with each answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES - Hunnicutt,

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Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt
A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

There was no action taken by Council in closed meeting.

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There were no comments from either the City Manager or the City Attorney.

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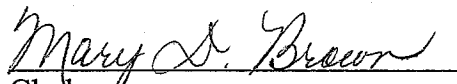
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned
to a work session on the 2000-2001 budget.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk