

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: William Mays, Joseph Fawbush, and Terry Roop

Absent: Mark Caruso and Joseph Hunnicutt
(Councilman Caruso was absent due to being Camp Commander at Camp Davy Crockett leading JROTC cadets from 6 schools at their annual Army JROTC Summer Camp)

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 led by the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 19, 2009 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 with An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2009 Thru June 30, 2010 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.

Mr. Ward advised that a public hearing was held at Council's last meeting on this budget and it can be adopted tonight if City Council so wishes.

Upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote, YES –Mays, Fawbush, Roop, NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2009 Thru June 30, 2010 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.
(Insert)

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Council had received a request to utilize City property for a Farmers Market. Several members of the committee were present and Mrs. Carmen Cantrell spoke on their behalf. The Committee is requesting permission from Council to use the City Parking Lot beside the Coalfield Progress Building to hold this Farmers Market every Tuesday afternoon from June 16th through mid-October from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

During a brief discussion, the City Manager advised that the City may want to be a co-sponsor of the market. The City Attorney advised that the City Manager could issue a

Non-Exclusive Permit to this Committee to use a section of this parking lot for this length of time for the Farmers Market.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved the request of the Farmers Market Committee to utilize City Property for a Farmers Market at the parking lot beside the Coalfield Progress Building. The City Manager will prepare a Non-Exclusive Permit.

Council was presented with an update and a PowerPoint presentation by The Lane Group on the design of the proposed new City Shop Facility. Mr. Jeff Cochran and Mike Phipps made this presentation to Council.

At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat on Council.

Mr. Cochran advised that his firm made a presentation to Council about a year and a half ago and presented each member with a handout covering the Shop Project.

Mr. Phipps, the Project Manager, began his presentation and gave Council information regarding the existing conditions at the Shop and the original proposed design of the shop as was done previously. Since that time, they have a new proposed design which will cost less, provide additional access on three sides of the building, and move the building to the opposite end of the lot. He also advised Council they had worked with the City Administration and the Planning Commission on this project. Mr. Phipps went over this new concept with Council giving cost estimates and a timeline. The cost for the new design is \$1,976,476.

Mr. Cochran and Mr. Phipps then answered questions from Council members.

Following a discussion on this project, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to look into funding options for the Shop Project and to bring them to Council for review.

Mayor Mays advised that this is a critical situation at the City's present shop.

Council had been provided with a copy of An Agreement Between the City and the Wise County Public Service Authority (PSA) as Pertains to the Josephine Sewer Project for their consideration.

Mr. Ward advised that until an agreement is adopted by both the City and the PSA, the Josephine Sewer Project is on hold.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the Josephine Sewer Project Agreement. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had been presented with A Proclamation Declaring June 5, 2009 as Relay for Life HOPE Day.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Declaring June 5, 2009 as Relay for Life HOPE Day. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had been presented with A Proclamation Declaring June 7, 2009 as National Cancer Survivors Day.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Declaring June 7, 2009 as National Cancer Survivors Day. (Insert)

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Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as Section No. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

24300

Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

24301

Mayor Mays 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 Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded Councilman Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote, YES – Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Roop, NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

24302

Mayor Mays opened the floor for an appointment to the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2013.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated Brenda Johnson to be reappointed to this Board.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Mays declared Brenda Johnson reappointed to the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2013.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for an appointment to the Community Corrections Resources Board for a two year term which will expire on June 30, 2011.

Councilman Fawbush nominated Randy Mullins to be reappointed to this Board.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Mays declared Randy Mullins reappointed to the Community Corrections Resources Board for a two year term which will expire on June 30, 2011.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for a nomination to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2014.

Councilman Roop nominated Bill Bledsoe to be reappointed to this Board.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Mays declared Bill Bledsoe nominated to the Wise County Circuit Court for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on

June 2, 2014. The City Attorney will submit the necessary information to the Court for this appointment to be made.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for an appointment to the MERBI Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2013.

Councilman Fawbush nominated Tyler Giles to be reappointed to this Board.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Mays declared Tyler Giles reappointed to the MERBI Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2013.

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Mayor Mays opened the floor for a motion to amend the employment contract of the City Manager.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized an amendment to the City Manager's contract which will be signed by both the Mayor and City Attorney.

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There were no comments from the City Manager.

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In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that he will be going before the Wise County Circuit Court to seek Court approval on the terms of the sale of delinquent tax properties held on May 2nd. As soon as they are approved, he will begin the preparation of deeds for the properties sold.

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In comments from City Council, Councilman Roop expressed appreciation to Tommy Roberts, Water Plant Superintendent, Ken Reynolds of the Virginia Rural Water Association, and City crews who spent numerous hours detecting and repairing leaks in the City's distribution system, which has resulted in a reduction of 300,000 gallons per day usage.

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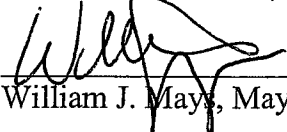
At this time, Mayor Mays advised that he would like to cancel the first Council meeting in July and have only one meeting on July 21st.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to cancel the July 7th meeting and have only one meeting on July 21st.

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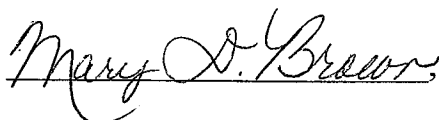
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk