

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Peggy Goulet and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Kenny Jackson.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

21601

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

21602

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Regulating Adult and Sexually Oriented Businesses.

The Vice Mayor advised that this ordinance had been discussed several times.

The City Attorney advised that he had made the changes as directed by Council at the previous meeting and had forwarded the same to the City Manager.

The City Manager advised that no one had come into the office to review this ordinance and that the public hearing had been duly advertised.

21603

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

Vice Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Vice Mayor Mays closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – Raines, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Regulating Adult and Sexually Oriented Businesses. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised that this ordinance will be in effect thirty (30) days after adoption.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

The City Manager advised that this ordinance has been discussed frequently and, at the previous meeting, Building Official Winfred Collins was present and went over this ordinance with Council.

The City Attorney advised that this ordinance is modified to the state law.

Vice Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Vice Mayor Mays closed the public hearing.

21604

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – Raines, Council moved to

adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. (Insert)

This ordinance will be in effect in thirty (30) days after adoption.

Dr. Richard Phillips of Mountain Empire Community College was present to give Council an update on the college.

He presented members of Council with a handout and discussed briefly the AIMS Higher Scholarship Program.

Dr. Phillips then answered several questions from Council.

Vice Mayor Mays thanked Dr. Phillips for his presentation.

21605

Ms. Ellen Butler, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Services of SWVA spoke briefly with Council advising that they had opened an office in the Hotel Norton. She then advised how their organization was founded and asked Council for consideration of funding in the upcoming budget. The amount requested is \$1,251 which covers a percentage of the cost of the care for three clients from the City. At present, they have two clients from the City of Norton receiving assistance.

Following a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Mays advised that this requested funding would be discussed in the upcoming budget work sessions. He further thanked Ms. Butler for the work her organization is doing for the citizens of Norton.

21606

Council had been presented with A Resolution Regarding Regional Water Supply Planning and Application for a FY08 Water Supply Planning Grant.

Mr. Ward advised that the General Assembly mandated that each locality have a Water Supply Plan which is a plan that will cover long term needs for the next 25 years. The Council had previously decided, by adoption of a resolution, to participate with other County entities and Lenowisco on this regional plan. Phase I has been completed and Phase 2 is in the works. Lenowisco is applying to the Department of Environmental Quality for additional funding to complete Phase 2 and one of the requirements for the funding application is for each locality to adopt this resolution.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – Raines, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Regarding Regional Water Supply Planning and Application for a FY08 Water Supply Planning Grant. (Insert)

21607

Council had a copy of a check in the amount of \$185,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$185,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

21608

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

The School Board will present their budget to Council at the April 17th meeting. Council will be advised at this time as to why the Stadium Project is being delayed.

The annual City of Norton-Wise County Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala will be held on April 14, 2007 at The Inn at Norton at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in going should contact him for tickets.

21609

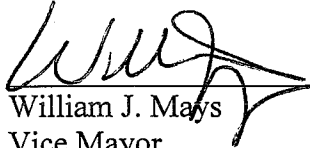
The City is in the process of hiring an assessor. The City received two bids and a contract will be awarded in a few weeks.

The new Litter Control Coordinator is doing an excellent job in getting probationers to work the Assign-A-Highway Program. A report will be presented to Council in the near future.

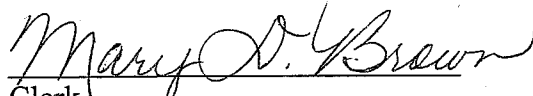
There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


William J. Mays
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk