

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Mark Caruso, William Mays, Joseph Fawbush, and Terry Roop

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Ken Taylor and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Norton Police Chief James Lane.

At this time, Mayor Mays advised he would like to amend the agenda under Item 7-C Closed Meeting to include Item 7-C-4 An Appointment to the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority.

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It was the consensus of Council for the agenda to be amended.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting as presented.

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At this time, Mayor Mays welcomed Chris Mullins of the Forward Wise County Leadership Class.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Ms. Marsha Hunsucker of J. I. Burton High School appeared before Council to give an update on the finances for the J. I. Burton After-Prom Party. She advised that the J. I. Burton PTSA has agreed to pay for the tee shirts which covered a large portion of the amount needed. There is now an amount of \$380.00 needed to cover the expenses.

Vice Mayor Fawbush advised that the Norton Lions Club had voted to donate \$100.00 for this event. Ms. Hunsucker advised she had not heard from the Lions Club as of this date; however that would bring the amount down to \$280.00.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to allocate an amount not to exceed \$400.00 for the J. I. Burton After-Prom Party with said funds to come from Contingency.

Mayor Mays, Councilman Caruso, and Councilman Roop advised this takes a lot of hard work and long hours and that Ms. Hunsucker has done a wonderful job.

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

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In their packets, Council had been given a revised version of the Donation Application Policy which contained the suggestions made by Councilman Caruso at the last meeting.

Councilman Roop advised he would like to add an item under the Expenses That Cannot Be Paid Section on Page 2 to read as follows: "Mileage expenses to and from events for coaches, teachers, and members of their families who use their personal vehicles for approved trips." The reason for this is that the School Board provides transportation (buses/vans) expenses – not the City. Mr. Ramey advised he can make this modification and bring this policy back to Council at the next meeting.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the City of Norton Donation Policy as presented tonight with Councilman Roop's item to be added into the policy. (Insert)

Mr. Ramey gave Council an update on the Safe Route to Schools Project via a PowerPoint presentation. Once the sidewalk running from the Dairy Queen intersection to the Community Center and Norton Elementary and Middle School is completed, it will have 40 street lights. The twelve inch replacement water line from the Dairy Queen intersection to the entrance to the Community Center has been done and tied in. A sewer line going up the hill has been completed and is back in service. A storm drain or ditch located at the entrance of the elementary/middle school will be piped going up the hill and the work on this is ongoing.

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Blocks are currently being brought in and installation has begun on the wall at the Dairy Queen intersection.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Ramey advised he is very pleased with the progress and will continue to keep Council informed.

Council had been presented with A Proclamation Declaring Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Norton.

The City Manager advised that all Social Services Departments in the Commonwealth are asking their governing bodies to adopt this proclamation.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Declaring April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Norton. (Insert)

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Council had been presented with a copy of a transfer to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$230,000.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a transfer to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$230,000. (Insert – Councilman Roop's Disclosure)

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

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Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

At this time, Mayor Mays recognized Marsha Prater, another member of the Forward Wise County Leadership Class.

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

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Mayor Mays declared Council back in open meeting.

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

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Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Community Services Board for a one year term which will expire on December 31, 2015.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated Sarah Davis 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.

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Mayor Mays declared Sarah Davis reappointed to the Community Services Board for a one year term which will expire on December 31, 2015.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a four year term which will expire on May 10, 2018.

Councilman Fawbush nominated Ethel Daniels to be reappointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Mays declared Ethel Daniels reappointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a four year term which will expire on May 10, 2018.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the 2014 Virginia Municipal League Policy Committees.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated the slate that was presented by the City Manager which is as follows: Fred Ramey, Community & Economic Development; Andrew Greear, Environmental Quality, Jeff Shupe, Finance, William Bradshaw, General Laws, Libby Fleming, Human Development & Education, and Steve McElroy, Transportation.

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

Mayor Mays declared the slate as presented by the City Manager and listed above appointed to the 2014 Virginia Municipal League Policy Committees.

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

Flag Rock Recreation Area opens tomorrow – April 16, 2014.

The citizens should be receiving their tax tickets for one-half of their real estate taxes this week.

A public notice has been issued to our citizens that the City will be conducting fire hydrant testing in multiple areas throughout the City over the next week or so. A copy of the ad was given to each Council member.

A "Clean Your Files Day" is scheduled for Friday, April 18th, in the Magic Mart parking lot from 10 am to 2 pm.

The annual Adopt-a-Truck Program runs from April 18th – 28th.

The Great American Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, from 9 am to 2 pm., at the Coalfield Parking Lot.

In comments from City Council:

Councilman Roop thanked the members of the Forward Wise County Class and encouraged them to become public servants.

Councilman Fawbush also thanked the two representatives of this Class for their attendance tonight advising that Mr. Mullins is his brother-in-law.

There were no comments from Councilman Hunnicutt.

Councilman Caruso asked if there were trailer hook-ups available at Flag Rock. He was advised that there are electrical hook-ups, but no sewer hook-ups.

Councilman and Mrs. Caruso attended a movie at the new Park Avenue Theater located in the old Cohens Building and advised it was a good movie. It was a very nostalgic experience with great atmosphere and staff.

Councilman Caruso wished his wife, Carol, a happy birthday today.

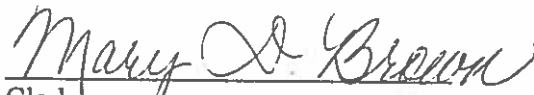
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk