

The regularly scheduled City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, William Mays, Joseph Fawbush, and Terry Roop

Absent: Mark Caruso

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 City Councilman Terry Roop.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Jim Campbell, Poplar Street, who was representing the Norton Lions Community Center, Incorporated, a non-profit organization, spoke briefly to Council regarding his appearance at Council's last meeting. At that time, he had asked for a donation for this organization in order that they may renovate their building to include a kitchen and dining room.

At this time, Councilman Fawbush advised he would be abstaining from any discussion or vote on this item as he is the Secretary/Treasurer of this organization.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso, ABSTAIN – Fawbush, Council moved to appropriate \$1,000 to the Norton Lions Community Center, Incorporated with said funds to come from Contingency.

Mr. Ramey advised he was in receipt of a copy of a letter from Ruth Woods, Secretary of the City of Norton Electoral Board, advising of her resignation effective August 21, 2013.

At this time, Mayor Mays asked City Registrar, Marie Muir, to come forward and accept, on behalf of Ms. Woods, a Community Service Award honoring her 30 years of service to the City. Mayor Mays read the inscription on the plaque and Council members, along with Mayor Mays, presented same to Ms. Muir. Mr. Ramey advised that this plaque will be forwarded to Ms Woods. Ms. Woods is currently residing in New Hampshire with her daughter.

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Ms. Muir advised that, in the 23 years of working with Ms. Woods, Ms. Woods, as well as the other board members, showed diligence in order that voters would be problem free and have no issues in the area of voting.

Mayor Mays thanked Ms. Muir for the job she is doing for the citizens of Norton and also recognized that a former member of the Electoral Board, Gereva Hunnicutt, had recently passed away.

Mr. Ramey advised that as of today, we have a combined reservoir total of 110.7 million gallons of water compared to 72 million gallons at the end of August of last year. The upper reservoir is full and coming over the spillway and the lower reservoir is descending. If levels get below 100 million gallons, we will keep Council informed at their meetings.

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The City Manager advised that at the July 16th meeting, residents and business owners were in attendance regarding the flooding that had occurred on July 1st. At that meeting, they ask that Council do something to eliminate this from happening again. The City Manager was asked to have the engineers to come and report their findings on this problem.

Mr. Jeff Cochran of The Lane Group spoke to Council on the study they conducted for the City in 2005. He then advised Council of the problems in the Market Street, Chestnut Street, and 10th Street areas of the City. He advised that the elimination of the problem on Market Street would help a great deal; however it would not eliminate water backing up in the 10th Street, NW area. Park Avenue could have slot drains installed and adjust them to the height of the pavement.

He advised Council he would answer any questions they may have.

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Following Mr. Cochran's answering questions of Council and a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to work with Mr. Cochran to get preliminary engineering work done on this and update project estimates with today's prices.

Mr. Ramey advised that Councilman Caruso had asked Dr. Comer for joint meetings with the City of Norton School Board and City Council. A suggested date of September 9, 2013 following the regular School Board Meeting was selected if this meets with Council's approval. He further advised that Dr. Comer has a couple of items to put on this agenda and inquired if Council had any they would like to include.

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Councilman Fawbush brought up several items he would like to have on this agenda and Mr. Ramey advised he would like to add the Safe Route to Schools Project and perhaps a review of the City's budget situation.

The City Manager advised he would combine items with the School Board to make up this agenda for the meeting on September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. (Insert – Councilman Roop's Disclosure Form)

Council had a request for water tap at 5140 Hunter Road in the Esserville area for Jeffrey D. Polly.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve one water tap for Jeffrey D. Polly at 5140 Hunter Road. This application will be void after 180 days.

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Council had copies of two checks for approval. The first of these is to Thomas Construction in the amount of \$221,342.41 and the second is to C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority in the amount of \$146,186.24.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check to Thomas Construction and C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority in the amounts as specified above.

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

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, 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 Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Roop, Mays – NO – None, ABSENT – Caruso, 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 Norton Tourism Committee for an unexpired term which will expire on September 30, 2013.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated William “Bud” Stewart to fill this unexpired term which will expire on September 30, 2013 and also to serve a full four year term which will expire on September 30, 2017.

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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 William “Bud” Stewart appointed to the Norton Tourism Committee for an unexpired term which will expire on September 30, 2013 and a four year term which will expire on September 30, 2017.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on July 31, 2017.

Councilman Fawbush nominated Danny Holt to be reappointed to this Commission.

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

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Mayor Mays declared Danny Holt reappointed to the City of Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on July 31, 2017.

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

He is in hopes of receiving verification from VDOT to advertise the Safe Routes to School Project. Once received, he will submit the advertisement immediately.

The High Knob Tower Project is proceeding and they are looking at a completion date of November 1st. So far, they have used 1,800 cubic yards of material from the Upper Reservoir Site.

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A copy of the August Retail Sales Report has been placed at each Council member's desk.

The Phase I Bond Issue Closing is scheduled for the first week of September. City offices will be closed on September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday. Council is wished a safe and happy holiday.

There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council members.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be September 3, 2013.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk

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