

The rescheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 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

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

The invocation was given by Father Tim Drake and was followed by the pledge led by Fire Chief D. C. Mullins and members of the Norton Fire Department.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the October 1, 2013 meeting as presented. 25943

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 25944

Mr. Ramey advised Council that as of October 27th the City has a combined total in both reservoirs of 78.3 million gallons. At their previous meeting, the combined total was 92 million gallons. The City Administration continues to closely monitor this situation and will keep Council informed. 25945

The City Manager recognized Fire Chief D. C. Mullins who presented Council with a list of the working officers of the Department for the fiscal year 2013/2014. He advised the only change on this list was the addition of a fourth lieutenant, Tim Couch. He asked Council's support in approving this group of volunteers.

Chief Mullins then introduced each member that was present and advised Council that they represent many years of service to the City and the Department. 25946

Mayor Mays thanked each member for their years of dedicated service to the City as did Councilmen Fawbush and Roop.

Upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the list of working officers for the fiscal year 2013/2014 as presented by Fire Chief Mullins. At this time, a standing ovation and round of applause was given to the firefighters.

Mr. Wally Witt, the City's representative to the Cumberland's Airport Commission, was present to give Council an update. Mr. Witt handed each member of Council a booklet on Virginia's Airport System. 25947

At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat on Council. 25948

He advised that the airport was established by an act of the General Assembly in 1958, is classified as a regional airport for General Aviation, and gave a brief history. With the third longest runway in the 9th Congressional District, and after a recent economic impact

analysis, there is an economic impact of 26 jobs, payroll of \$690,000, and an economic activity of \$2,241,000.

Mr. Witt then gave an update of the types of shows that are hosted there and improvements that have been made through the years with most being funded 98% and a local share of 2% of the cost through programs from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Virginia Capital Improvements Program. At the conclusion of his presentation, he advised he would be happy to host a tour for members of Council should they desire to do so.

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Members of Council thanked Mr. Witt for his presentation and his years of service to the City by serving on this Commission.

The City Manager advised that Police Chief James C. Lane is doing a fantastic job, especially in the area of community outreach efforts during this year. Chief Lane had advised he would like to express his appreciation to Council and show what the Department is proud of in this area of Community Outreach by a PowerPoint presentation.

Chief Lane had broken down the activities in thirteen categories ranging from K-9 Demonstrations to Special Events and briefly discussed each with Council members. Then he advised Council of the results from these programs of which he and the Department area very proud.

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Mayor Mays expressed Council's thanks for the job Chief Lane and the Department are doing. Council Fawbush advised that he thinks the Department is going in the right direction and he appreciates that.

Councilman Roop stated he is very pleased with the changes and improvements in the last few years, appreciates the Outreach Programs, and feels that it is critical that children think of police officers as friends. The Department is doing a good job.

From the comments he is hearing, Mayor Mays advised that citizens feel that the Department is friendly, community oriented, but willing to do the job. He has also heard very positive comments on the extra patrols throughout the neighborhoods.

Chief Lane thanked Council for their comments.

Mr. Ramey advised that he is proud to advise that the City has a new electronic sign board installed in the Coalfield Parking Lot. This has been a 5-6 year effort and resulted in a community project between NIDA, the Kiwanis Club, and the Lions Club.

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He had placed in Council's packets a draft schedule of what will be appearing throughout the year on this sign and a policy for Municipal Signs and Message Boards previously adopted by Council. Any additions, deletions, or changes can be done at the Municipal Building.

Following a brief discussion, Council members expressed their appreciation and thanks to Mr. Ramey for his work in following through with this project.

In their packets, Council had a request for a water and sewer tap for Amy Mullins at 6312 Hatfield Road located in the county section of West Norton. After review by the Public Works Department, water only is available at this location.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve one water tap to be completed

within six months for Amy Mullins, 6312 Hatfield Road in the county section of West Norton.

A request for approval of a transfer to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$250,000 was the next item on the agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a transfer to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of covering September payroll. (Insert – Councilman Roop’s Disclosure Form)

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Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as Amended, and the discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business’ interest in locating in the City as per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (5) 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.

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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)

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board to fill an unexpired term which will end on May 2, 2016.

Councilman Roop nomination Madison Fultz.

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

Mayor Mays declared Madison Fultz appointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board to fill an unexpired term which will expire on May 2, 2016.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Appalachian Juvenile Commission for a two year term which will expire on November 30, 2015.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated James Lane 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 James C. Lane reappointed to the Appalachian Juvenile Commission for a two year term which will expire on November 30, 2015.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for an appointment to the Virginia's Heritage Music Trail: The Crooked Road for a three year term which will expire on November 30, 2016.

Councilman Fawbush nominated Nancy Jones to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Mays declared Nancy Jones reappointed to the Virginia's Heritage Music Trail: The Crooked Road for a three year term which will expire on November 30, 2016.

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

A bid opening for the SRTS Project (Safe Route to Schools Project) was held on Friday, October 18th and the low bidder was Thomas Construction Company from Johnson City, Tennessee. All bid documents have been forwarded to VDOT and DMME for approval to award the bid. The approval process could take an additional 3 weeks and the low bid was within the budget.

He had met with one of the new owners of The Inn at Norton and was advised that the hotel would be a Quality Inn & Suites by the timeframe of November 15th.

He has provided Council with the latest Retail Sales Tax Report for the month of October.

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The Parks & Recreation Department began offering a series of after-school Craft & Art Classes for kids in grades 3-6 began on October 24th.

Halloween will be observed Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm and everyone should be reminded to drive carefully.

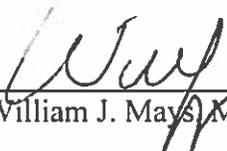
The first meeting in November has been cancelled and the next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19th.

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

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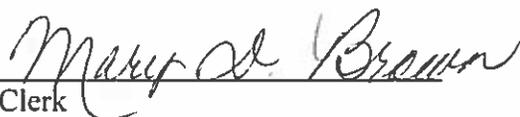
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk