

City Council Meeting Packet



April 3, 2018

AGENDA

Norton City Council

April 3, 2018

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation – Rev. Ken Taylor
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. Meeting of March 20, 2018
5. Audience for Visitors
6. Public Hearing:
 - A. A Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments Regarding the Purchase of Two Emergency Vehicles Using a Loan/Grant Package from Rural Development.
 1. Public Hearing
 2. Comments by City Council
 3. Consideration by Council
7. New Business
 - A. Presentation by Representatives from the Pro-Art Board of Trustees Regarding Pro-Art Activities.
 - B. Update on Spearhead Trails Initiatives.

- C. Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Wise County Department of Social Services.
- D. Consideration of a Code of Conduct Related to a Grant from USDA Rural Development for Purchase of Emergency Vehicles.
- E. Proclamation Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Wise County Public Library.
- F. Resolution Proclaiming the Month of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- G. Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 8th – 14th as Local Public Safety – 911 Telecommunicators Week.
- H. Confirmation of a Check/Transfer in Excess of \$100,000.
- I. Closed Meeting for Personnel as Per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as Amended.
 - 1. Appointment to the Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency, Inc. to fill the Unexpired Term of Ethel Daniels Whose Term Expires 4/1/2022.

To 4/1/2022
 - 2. Appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a Four (4) Year Term; Currently Ethel Daniels Whose Term Expires 5/10/2018.

To 5/10/2022
 - 3. Nominations to the 2018 Virginia Municipal League Policy Committees.
- 8. Comments by the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Council.
- 9. Adjournment.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Mark Caruso, Robert Fultz, Jr., William Mays, Joseph Fawbush, and Delores Belcher

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Wells and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief James Lane.

At this time, Councilman Fawbush said he would like council to consider amending the agenda to include under Item 6-G-2 an appointment to the Lonesome Pine Regional Industrial Facilities Authority (RIFA).

It was the consensus of Council to amend the agenda to include under Item 6-G-1 an appointment to the Lonesome Pine Regional Industrial Facilities Authority.

Mayor Mays welcomed three members of 2018 Forward Wise County class: Mr. Joe Morton, Ms. Melody Lovell, and Police Chief James Lane.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following vote, YES – Caruso, Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, NO – None, ABSENT – None, ABSTAIN – Mays, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 6, 2018, meeting as presented.

There was no response to the Mayor's Call for Visitors.

The next agenda item was a presentation by representatives from the Pro-Art Association.

Mr. Ramey advised Ms. Jan Zentmeyer, Executive Director of the Pro-Art Association, regretted that she could not attend tonight's meeting and asked that she be allowed to present an update on the Pro-Art Association's activities at the next council meeting on April 2, 2018.

Mr. Ramey said due to the deadline for the 2018-2019 Local Government Challenge Grant council should go ahead and consider the request to apply for funding in the amount of \$4,500 for the Pro-Art Association.

Mr. Ramey advised for the first time the Virginia Commission of the Arts has reduced funding by \$500 for a total matching grant of \$4,500. Mr. Ramey said during the budget process council will determine the allocation to Pro-Art and he recommends that council authorize city administration to apply for the 2018-2019 Local Government Challenge Grant in the amount of \$4,500.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the city manager to apply for a 2018-2019 Local Government Challenge Grant in the amount of \$4,500.

Included in council's packets was a Cooperative Agreement with the Family Crisis Support Services, Inc., (FCSS) for their consideration.

Mr. Ramey said the agreement details what services FCSS will provide to citizens and what support the Norton Police Department will provide FCSS in delivering these services to victims of violent crimes and homelessness.

Police Chief Lane added that the police department was already providing the services included in the agreement prior to its initiation and will continue to do so.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to authorize the city manager and police chief to execute the Cooperative Agreement between Family Crisis Support Services, Inc., and the Norton Police Department.

Council had been presented with A Resolution to Apply for the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water's Water Supply Assistance Grant Program for a Phase II Clear Creek Waterline Replacement Project.

Mr. Ramey said the city just completed the design of Phase I of the Clear Creek Waterline Replacement Project and that Phase II will provide an additional \$100,000. He said city administration implemented the project in three phases to receive maximum funding because this specific grant is restricted to \$100,000 award. Mr. Ramey said city administration is asking authorization to submit the application for Phase II of the project which requires a resolution by council.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by the following roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution to Apply for the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water Grant. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had been presented with A Resolution to Apply for the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water's Water Supply Assistance Grant Program for a Phase II Josephine Waterline Replacement Project.

Mr. Ramey said City Administration is asking authorization to submit the application for Phase II of the project which will complete the Josephine Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Ramey noted Josephine residents are city water customers who reside in Wise County.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution to Apply for the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water Grant Program for Phase II of the Josephine Waterline Replacement Project. (Insert)

Council had one transfer to confirm. The transfer was to Norton City Schools, dated February 26, 2018, in the amount of \$125,000 to cover February 2018 payroll expenditures.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to confirm the transfer to Norton City Schools as stated above.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Fultz, 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.

Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

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

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 Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Fultz, Mays, Fawbush, Belcher, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Lonesome Pine Regional Industrial Facilities Authority (RIFA) to fill the unexpired term of Mark Caruso whose term expires January 16, 2020.

Councilman Caruso nominated Fred Ramey, Jr., to be appointed to the Lonesome Pine Regional Industrial Facilities to fill his unexpired term which expires January 16, 2020.

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

Mayor Mays declared Fred Ramey, Jr., appointed to the Lonesome Pine Regional Industrial Facilities Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mark Caruso whose term expires January 16, 2020.

In comments from the City Manager:

Mr. Ramey said city administration had applied for and been awarded a Rural Development Emergency Vehicle Grant. He is asking council's authorization to advertise a required public hearing at the April 2nd meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved to authorize the city manager to advertise a public hearing at the April 2nd meeting.

Mr. Ramey said city administration is concerned about the Ridge Avenue wall and has closed the street indefinitely to allow for further engineering tests to determine the stability of the wall and what actions might need to be taken to stabilize it.

Mr. Ramey said the delay in the Virginia General Assembly passing a budget will delay the city's budget process and that may push the school's budget presentation to May 1st.

The Lonesome Pine Regional Library is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Wise Branch at 3:00 p.m., April 8, 2018 and they would like to have a council representative present at their event. A resolution recognizing the library will also be on the April 2nd agenda.

Mr. Ramey said the Kingsport Times News prepared an article for their 2018 Progress Edition highlighting the city's work at Flag Rock Recreation Area.

One of the participants in the 2017 Woodbooger Geocache wrote an article for Geocache Magazine detailing how much fun they had all weekend.

He placed at each member's desk the March 2018 Retail Sales Tax Report and the upcoming Parks & Recreation activities for the months of March and April.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

The following comments were made by Council Members:

Councilwoman Belcher had no comments.

Councilman Fultz had no comments.

Councilman Caruso asked the city manager if engineers were still using a laser to determine if there is continued movement in the Ridge Avenue wall.

Mr. Ramey said it is very expensive to use the laser so he is leaning toward doing only core drilling now because it is known that the wall has moved and he would rather save that money.

Councilman Fawbush supported Mr. Ramey's decision to close the road at the Ridge Avenue wall.

Mayor Mays recognized Mr. Gerald Hairston who was in attendance.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

William Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA**

The governing body of the City of Norton, Virginia consisting of five members, in a duly called meeting held on the 3rd day of April, 2018, at which a quorum was present RESOLVED as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (the Government) to provide funding for police vehicles and equipment, the governing body does hereby adopt and abide by the covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by the Government to be executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor William Mays or City Manager Fred Ramey be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Norton, the above-referenced agreements and to execute such other documents including, but not limited to, debt instruments and security instruments as may be required in obtaining the said financial assistance.

This Resolution, along with a copy of the required documents, is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Virginia.

Adopted this 3rd Day of April 2018.

City of Norton

William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Norton at a duly assembled meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2018.

City Clerk

USDA
Form RD 1942-47
(Rev. 12-97)

LOAN RESOLUTION
(Public Bodies)

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0575-0015

A RESOLUTION OF THE City Council

OF THE City of Norton, Virginia

AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS

Vehicles and Equipment Purchase

FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Norton, Virginia

(Public Body)

(herein after called Association) to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of
30,000.00

pursuant to the provisions of Code of Virginia, Letter of Conditions, Closing Instructions; and

WHEREAS, the Association intends to obtain assistance from the Rural Housing Service, Rural Business - Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, or their successor Agencies with the United States Department of Agriculture, (herein called the Government) acting under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) in the planning, financing, and supervision of such undertaking and the purchasing of bonds lawfully issued, in the event that no other acceptable purchaser for such bonds is found by the Association:

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises the Association hereby resolves:

1. To have prepared on its behalf and to adopt an ordinance or resolution for the issuance of its bonds containing such items and in such forms as are required by State statutes and as are agreeable and acceptable to the Government.
2. To refinance the unpaid balance, in whole or in part, of its bonds upon the request of the Government if at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Association is able to refinance its bonds by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time as required by section 333(c) of said Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U. S. C. 1983 (c)).
3. To provide for, execute, and comply with Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement," and Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement," including an "Equal Opportunity Clause," which clause is to be incorporated in, or attached as a rider to, each construction contract and subcontract involving in excess of \$ 10,000.
4. To indemnify the Government for any payments made or losses suffered by the Government on behalf of the Association. Such indemnification shall be payable from the same source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legal permissible source.
5. That upon default in the payments of any principal and accrued interest on the bonds or in the performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or in the instruments incident to making or insuring the loan, the Government at its option may (a) declare the entire principal amount then outstanding and accrued interest immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of the Association (payable from the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legally permissible source), incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance, and operation of the facility and such other reasonable expenses as may be necessary to cure the cause of default, and/or (c) take possession of the facility, repair, maintain, and operate or rent it. Default under the provisions of this resolution or any instrument incident to the making or insuring of the loan may be construed by the Government to constitute default under any other instrument held by the Government and executed or assumed by the Association, and default under any such instrument may be construed by the Government to constitute default hereunder.
6. Not to sell, transfer, lease, or otherwise encumber the facility or any portion thereof, or interest therein, or permit others to do so without the prior written consent of the Government.
7. Not to defease the bonds, or to borrow money, enter into any contract or agreement, or otherwise incur any liabilities for any purpose in connection with the facility (exclusive of normal maintenance) without the prior written consent of the Government if such undertaking would involve the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds.
8. To place the proceeds of the bonds on deposit in an account and in a manner approved by the Government. Funds may be deposited in institutions insured by the State or Federal Government or invested in readily marketable securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Any income from these accounts will be considered as revenues of the system.
9. To comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations and to continually operate and maintain the facility in good condition.
10. To provide for the receipt of adequate revenues to meet the requirements of debt service, operation and maintenance, and the establishment of adequate reserves. Revenue accumulated over and above that needed to pay operating and maintenance, debt service and reserves may only be retained or used to make prepayments on the loan. Revenue cannot be used to pay any expenses which are not directly incurred for the facility financed by the Government. No free service or use of the facility will be permitted.

CERTIFICATION TO BE EXECUTED AT LOAN CLOSING

I, the undersigned, as _____ of the Norton, City of _____
 hereby certify that the _____ of such Association is composed of
 _____ members, of whom _____, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof duly called and
 held on the _____ day of _____, _____; and that the foregoing resolution was adopted at such meeting
 by the vote shown above. I further certify that as of _____, the date of closing of the loan from the Government, said resolution
 remains in effect and has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated, this _____ day of _____, _____.

 Title _____



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March 20, 2018

City Council, City of Norton
618 Virginia Ave. NW
P.O. Box 618
Norton, VA 24273

Dear Council Members,

I am the new Executive Director of the Pro-Art Association and writing to respectfully ask that you consider this request to support Pro-Art in presenting arts programming in Norton and throughout the region for the 2018-19 season.

Under the Local Government Challenge Grant, the Virginia Commission for the Arts will match your contribution -- up to \$4,500 this year. Although the maximum match has been reduced from last year, Pro-Art would deeply appreciate your continued support at last year's level. For many years the VCA match was capped at \$5,000. Because we could experience cuts from all localities that support Pro-Art through the Local Government Challenge Grant, we respectfully request that the City maintain the local contribution at the level of last fiscal year.

The deadline to apply this year is April 2 and it is an online application only for the first time. If City of Norton has not formally approved its budget by that date, you may apply conditionally and confirm the funding by July 1. Although, I am not able to attend your meeting on March 20, I would be glad to speak for a few minutes at your next Council meeting to discuss what Pro-Art does, what programs we plan to bring next year, and answer any questions. We would very much appreciate your support which allows us to continue to bring the arts to the children and citizens of Norton.

Matching funds for 2018-2019 must be requested by the deadline and I will work with City staff in any way to complete the application as required. Your support allows us to continue to bring top quality arts performances to Virginia's Great Southwest and we appreciate your time and efforts very much.

Thank you very much,

Jan

Jan Zentmeyer
Executive Director



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY
P.O. Box 1180 - 798 Park Avenue, NW Suite 208
Norton, Virginia 24273
(276) 220-9875
www.SpearheadTrails.com



February 28, 2018

City of Norton
Fred Ramey, City Manager
City of Norton
P. O. Box 618
618 Virginia Avenue NW
Norton, VA 24273

Dear Fred:

The Southwest Regional Recreation Authority, better known as Spearhead Trails, is asking each of the 7 Counties for the same donation as last year of \$25,000 to help with operational expenses in managing and running our trails. We are asking our Towns and City for a donation of \$1 per person based on your population rounded down to the nearest 100th. Your current population estimate is believed to be over 4,000 so we are asking for a donation this year of \$4,000. Your \$4,000 donation goes towards our efforts to patrol, maintain, design, insure, and market outdoor recreation. This past year we played a key role in recruitment of the Cloud Splitter Race to High Knob. This required many meetings, sending our Rangers to mow trails, clear trails, and mark trails. We also used our Trail Blazers Group to do a lot of volunteer trail grooming and had over 40 volunteers manning aid stations for the race. This year, we have purchased reflective blazes for the race area and will be using both employee and volunteers to install these on over 30 miles to help participants navigate the trails at night. We have also worked hard to progress the City of Norton and the High Knob Master Plan and doing what was needed through this process.

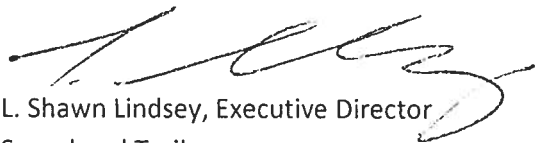
Our board has also agreed to allow those participating counties to receive a 50% discount for resident permits again. Your residents' discount is tied to the Wise County donation, but we would appreciate it if you would increase your funding to this level to help cover our expenses for the City of Norton. This year, our nonresident annual passes went from \$50 to \$60 so resident permits will be \$30 starting January 1, 2019 for those counties making this minimum donation.

I would like to come to a Council meeting at your convenience to answer any questions on this Ask, to show our activities this past year and our plans for next year. I would also like to share our Economic Impacts on the City of Norton last year and give each Council person a copy of the study.

In addition, each year Spearhead Trails would like to present a Spearhead Leadership Award for Excellence in Promoting Outdoor Recreation to a person who has gone above and beyond their duty or volunteered their time to lead efforts to promote outdoor recreation in each area. This year, we would like to award this to Patty Barlow Bates. Patty, this year, helped in the recruitment of the Cloud Splitter and led several volunteer work groups on

High Knob to prepare the trails. Patty is one of the longest serving members of the Spearhead Trail Blazers group and has worked hard to promote outdoor tourism through the Cloud Splitter race, as well as other activities around Norton and Wise County. She also served this year as the race manager for the Oxbow Ultra held in St. Paul, VA.

I remain Ready to Serve,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Lindsey", written over the printed name.

L. Shawn Lindsey, Executive Director

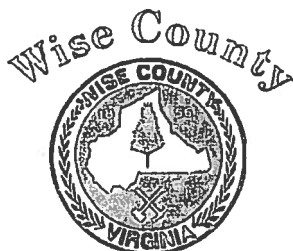
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Director



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Department of Social Services
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WISE, VIRGINIA 24293-0888

**CONTINUITY PLAN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
WISE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
AND
NORTON CITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
2018**

Purpose:

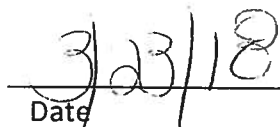
The continuity plan memorandum of agreement is an agreement between the Wise County Department of Social Services and the Norton City Department of Social Services for the provision of physical and technical assistance in the event of an emergency/disaster.

Terms of Agreement:

In the event of an emergency/disaster, the Agencies identified above will provide mutual full and complete assistance. Both Agencies agree to allow access to the physical environment, technical equipment, office supplies, personnel, and mutually agreed upon rates of reimbursement, etc., as needed to continue to provide necessary services to citizens of the respective counties. The agreement will remain in effect until one party provides written notification of discontinuation to the other party.



Jennifer Lilly; Director Wise County DSS



Date

Sara Ring; Director Norton City DSS

Date

CODE OF CONDUCT

No employee, officer or agent of the owner shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Rural Housing Service funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

The above Code of Conduct was approved at a meeting held on _____, 2018, and _____ members of the Governing Body were present which represents a quorum. A vote was held on this resolution and the resolution was adopted by a vote of _____ yeas and _____ nays with _____ abstaining.

City of Norton, Virginia

Date

(Signature)

(Name, Title)

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF THE
WISE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
60th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, local citizens and organizations following World War II had sought unsuccessfully to have a public library established in Wise County;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Library Board bolstered by the federal Library Service Act of 1956 sought to encourage the establishment of public libraries in rural communities;

WHEREAS, the newly organized branch of the American Association of University Women in Norton in early 1957 decided to promote the establishment of a public library in Wise County;

WHEREAS, members of the AAUW including Professors Betty Gilliam and Helen Lewis at Clinch Valley College working with Miss Florence Yoder of the Virginia Library Board developed plans for a demonstration county library and mobilized widespread support;

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors with the unanimous endorsement of the Norton City Council voted to seek a Library Demonstration grant to operate a public library to serve all Wise County and the City of Norton and to create an Advisory Board which met for the first time on August 4, 1958;

WHEREAS, the State Library Board approved the demonstration grant to operate a public library in the former VFW building on the Wise-Norton Road and authorized Florence Yoder to continue to assist with the planning;

WHEREAS, the Wise County Public Demonstration Library officially opened to the public on November 22, 1958 with three employees, a large bookmobile and several thousand newly purchased books;

WHEREAS, after eighteen months the Wise County Demonstration Library had proved "wildly successful" circulating more than 10,000 books a month, and the Wise County Board of Supervisors and Norton City Council in May 1960 accepted the responsibility for operating the Wise County Public Library by appointing a Board of Trustees and providing annual funding;

WHEREAS, the Wise County Public Library became part of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library when it was established May 7, 1964;

WHEREAS, the Wise County Public Library continued to expand with the ongoing financial support of Wise County, the City of Norton, the Library of Virginia, several residents, civic organizations, and companies so that the facilities on the Norton-Wise Road were deemed inadequate and a new library was constructed on the Joel Viccars orchard property in Wise and dedicated on July 27, 1975;

WHEREAS, over the ensuing decade, the Wise County Public Library offered programs for all ages, outreach services, literacy initiatives, job seeker and small business resources, a growing information service and other means for community support, learning, and economic growth so that a large addition to the facility was built in 1987;

WHEREAS, the Wise County Public Library continues to play an integral part in the intellectual, educational and recreational health and well-being of our community through its mission to cultivate life-long learning, to be the “lead” information provider, and to enhance the local economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Norton City Council, hereby proclaims hereby proclaim the week of April 8-15, 2018 as National Library Week and celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of Wise County Public Library.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2018.

ATTEST

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

City Clerk

William Mays, Mayor

Resolution

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a solution that requires involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and business to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor William Mays, do hereby recognize April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Norton and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2018.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

PROCLAMATION

LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY – 9-1-1 - TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK April 8 - 14, 2018

WHEREAS, thousands of dedicated public safety telecommunications personnel daily serve the citizens of the United States by answering their telephone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional public safety telecommunications personnel directly affect the lives and property of the public and assist in the safety of the police officers, firefighters and paramedics as they respond to the emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton E-911 Center answered 4,269 - 911 calls and 24,389 non-emergency calls in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Barack H. Obama, has set aside the second full week of April in recognition of those dedicated professional public safety telecommunications personnel and their crucial role in protecting life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Norton City Council does hereby proclaim the week of April 8 - 14, 2018 as “National Public Safety – 9-1-1 - Telecommunicators Week” in the City of Norton in honor and recognition of our public safety telecommunications personnel and the vital contributions they make to the safety of our citizens.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2018.

ATTEST

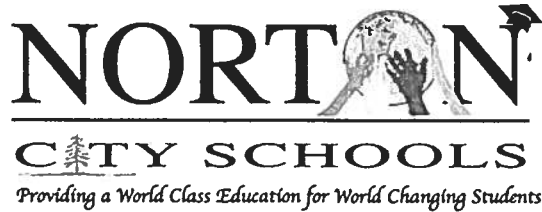
CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

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DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
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gwohlford@nortoncityschools.org
Phone 276.679.2330
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TO: Jeff Shupe
FROM: Jacqueline Brooke
SUBJECT: Request for Funds

DATE: March 20, 2018

Norton City Schools requests a deposit of City Funds in the amount of \$125,000 to cover March 23, 2018 payroll expenditures.

Thank you!