

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Fawbush

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Joseph Hunnicutt.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting as corrected. In Paragraph #24792, the word "cult" should have been "coal".

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Bill and Nancy Jones of Appalachian Traditions, spoke briefly to Council. They gave a brief synopsis of the activities at the Country Cabin and the upcoming Dock Boggs/Kate Peters Sturgill Festival. They asked for Council's support of this festival and advised in previous years, the City had contributed \$1,000.

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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 appropriate \$1,000 to the Dock Boggs/Kate Peters Sturgill Festival with said funds to come from Contingency.

Mr. Jones thanked Council for their support throughout the year.

At Council's request, the agenda item of the "Let Freedom Ring" activity was brought up at tonight's meeting. Mr. Ward advised that Council had previously asked him to check into amounts being given by various other entities. He advised that the Town of Wise and Wise County each had given \$1,000. At Council's previous meeting, \$500.00 had been approved.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to inquire as to how close Mr. Spera is to his goal before making an additional appropriation and bring this information back to them..

Enclosed in Council's packets was an update on the City's water reserves. As of August 11th, Mr. Ward advised that the City had a combined reservoir total of 85.7 million gallons of water. On August 16th, the City had begun to purchase water from the Wise County Public Service Authority for the areas of Hawthorne, Ramsey, Rt. 74, and over to J. I. Burton High School. Mr. Ward advised that citizens are asked to begin conservation of water.

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After a brief discussion, Council asked that this information for conservation of water be put on Channel 51 and water bills.

Mr. Ward had presented Council members with an updated version of the Memorandum of Understanding with NIDA as pertains to the purchase of the Lost Creek Property. The City Attorney had made some corrections on the one in their packets.

He advised Council that this option purchase for the Jenkins Property was entered into last fall and the option expires on August 31st. The price for this property is \$100,000. The City has requested NIDA to purchase this property and the City is to transfer \$50,000 out of the current budget toward the purchase price. NIDA is to pay the balance, which will be reimbursed to them by the City during the next budget year.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as corrected by the City Attorney. (Insert)

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Norton which will authorize the City Manager to execute documents and agreements as pertains to a Grant/Loan from USDA Rural Development for upgrades and improvements to the City's sanitary sewer system.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was shown to Council members on the various sewer projects. Mr. Ward advised the City has received significant funding and was able to use these funds to move forward on some projects due to the fact that Council, in previous years, had authorized a Comprehensive Sewer Study.

He then discussed Phases 1 and 2 of the Benges Branch Project, Guest River Project Phases 1 through 4, and showed the project, footage and cost for each project. At the conclusion of these projects, a total of almost five miles of main line will have been replaced, 146 new or rehabilitated manholes will have been done, and \$.67 of every dollar is grant funds. A total of 118,086,559 million gallons of infiltration/inflow will be removed annually upon completion of these projects.

Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Ward for this information.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Fawbush, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Norton which will authorize the City Manager to execute documents and agreements as pertains to a Grant/Loan from USDA Rural Development for upgrades and improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System. (Insert)

Council had been presented in their packets A Loan Resolution Authorizing the Incurrence of Indebtedness in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,297,000 for Upgrades and Improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System.

Upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Fawbush, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Incurrence of Indebtedness in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,297,1000 for Upgrades and Improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System. (Insert)

A request for a water tap for the Christian Faith Church located at 6252 Josephine Road was included in Council's packet.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a water tap for the Christian Faith Church at 6252 Josephine Road.

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Included in packets for Council's approval was a transfer to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$363,000 to cover payroll and fringes and two checks made payable to Boring Contractors. The first of these checks was in the amount of \$122,035.01 for Guest River Project Phase 1 and the second was in the amount of \$170,608.91 for the Guest River Project Phase 2.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the one transfer and two checks as listed above. (Insert – Councilman Roop's Disclosure Form)

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Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Roop, 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 and consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation as per Section No. 2.2-3711 (A) (7) 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 Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

Mayor Mays declared Council back in open meeting.

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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 Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Fawbush, 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 City of Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on July 31, 2014.

Councilman Caruso nominated Robert Isaac to be reappointed to this Commission.

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

Mayor Mays declared Robert Isaac reappointed to the City of Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on July 31, 2014.

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

He had received an e-mail from the Virginia Municipal League advising that the State is set to receive \$249,000,000 for educational funds. Norton City Schools will get some of these funds and they will have to be appropriated by City Council.

He had given each Council member a flyer regarding a special dedication service to be held on August 31, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Freedom of Worship City Center honoring World War II Veteran, D. C. "Shifty" Powers. The Wise County/City of Norton VFW Post is renaming their post after Mr. Powers.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney.

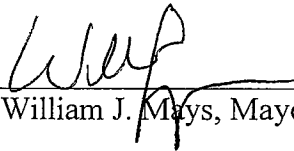
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In comments from Council, Councilman Roop commended and congratulated CVS Pharmacy for their investment in the City; however the building on 12th Street that was torn down when CVS started their project should be cleaned up and he would like for the City to check into this. The City Manager advised that the City is already working on this. Councilman Roop also stated that the paving on 12th Street looks good.

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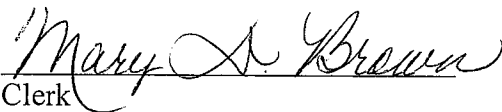
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk