

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

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

The invocation was given by Father Tim Drake and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Randy Mullins.

Upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting as presented.

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

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Council was given an update on the water reserves. Mr. Roberts, Superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant, had given Council a report which was in their packets. As of August 11, 2011, we had a total of 70 million gallons.

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Mr. Ward advised that citizens are still encouraged to conserve water and advised Council that an update on the Upper Norton Reservoir Dam Project will be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Ward advised Council that a slide on the Fox Run Road occurred during the heavy rains of July 25th. This slide caused the City to close the shoulder of the road and part of the road itself reducing it to one lane. To complicate matters, the slide area has a very steep slope and abuts railroad property. The City has secured the services of The Lane Group and Mr. Jeff Cochran is present tonight to discuss this with Council.

Mr. Cochran advised Council that topography has been done on this site and drilling is scheduled for Monday, August 22nd. The railroad is working with the City and Mr. Cochran further advised that they will determine the most cost effective way to correct the slide. The field work will be done next week, results obtained the following week, and they are working with a contractor on this dangerous situation.

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Following a brief discussion, Mr. Cochran answered questions from Council members.

Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Cochran for the information he presented tonight.

In their packets, Council had been presented with the 2011 Paving List compiled by the City Administration. The amount of \$200,000 to \$210,000 is the amount they feel comfortable in using for paving per year. The most critical streets identified are Park Avenue, N. W., Community Center Road, and Alexandria Avenue. These three, if paved, will consume all of the allotted funds. He then ask Council if they had any streets which they would like to add to this list and if so, please advise him.

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Following a brief discussion, Mayor Mays advised that the City Administration has done an excellent job in prioritizing streets for this list. It was the consensus of Council for the City Administration to proceed with the paving as presented tonight.

The City Manager advised that all three streets may not be done as funds may run out.

Council had been presented with a copy of a check to Summers-Taylor, Inc. dated July 18 2011 for the Upper Dam Spillway Improvements Project in the amount of \$139,696.64 and a request for an electronic transfer to the Norton City Schools dated July 27, 2011 to cover payroll and fringes in the amount of \$152,000 .

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Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the check to Summers-Taylor, Inc. and an electronic transfer to the Norton City Schools in the amounts stated above. (Insert - Councilman Roop's Disclosure Form)

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Code No. 2.2.-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended and discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose as per Section No. 2.2-3711 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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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.

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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 Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Caruso, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, 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 four (4) year terms which will expire on July 31, 2015.

Councilman Caruso nominated Tim Cassell and Virginia Stokes to be reappointed to this Commission.

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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 Tim Cassell and Virginia Stokes reappointed to the City of Norton Planning Commission for four (4) year terms which will expire on July 31, 2015.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that the City will be opening bids on the Guest River Projects 3 and 4 and Benges Branch 2 Project on Thursday.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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In comments from Council:

Councilman Caruso stated he had reviewed the Communication Status Report done by the Police Department regarding the 911 Center which will soon be located on the third floor of the Hotel Norton.

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The Assistant City Manager, Mr. Ramey, advised Councilman Caruso he would give him a tour of it if he would like.

Councilman Roop advised that:

Police Officer Jason McConnell gave a report on the topic of gangs to the students and faculty at J. I. Burton High School today. It was a good presentation and Councilman Roop stated he was glad to see that the City was pro-active on this.

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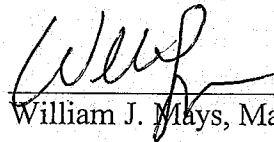
He hoped the City will continue to work on the dilapidated properties located within the City.

He noticed in his packet, a letter from FEMA where the City will receive a check in the amount of \$62,156.83 for reimbursement of funds spent. He would like to have these funds or a portion of these funds to go toward a new street sweeper.

Following a brief discussion on this topic, it was the consensus of Council for this to be brought back as an agenda item for the next meeting.

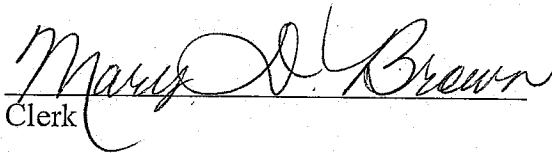
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk