

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and Bill Bradshaw

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager

The invocation was given by Rev. John Ellington and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Dr. Jeff Comer, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ramey advised that Council had decided a couple of years ago to formerly recognize board and commission members once their terms have expired or they resigned. Three of the five recipients that are to be presented with plaques are in attendance. At this time, Mayor Mays presented an award to Cheryl Roop for serving five years on the Southwest Virginia Health Advisory Board and a plaque to Roger Sloce for 15 years on the Social Service Advisory Board. Present to accept the award for her father, Randy "Doc" Castle, recently deceased, for his 37 years of service on the City's Highway Safety Commission was Dawn Castle Robbins.

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Plaques honoring Gordon Sandt for 2 years on the City's Tourism Board and Mike Reed for 3 years of service on the Building Code Board of Appeals, both not in attendance, will be delivered to them.

Following the presentations, Mayor Mays asked Council to come forward and a picture was taken with the award recipients. Both the Mayor and Council members thanked each of them for their years of dedicated service to the City.

In their packets, Council had a request for approval of a transfer in the amount of \$200,000 to the Norton City Schools to cover employee fringe benefits.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a transfer in the amount of \$200,000 to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$200,000. (Insert – Councilman Roop's Disclosure Statement)

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

He had handed out the latest Retail Sales Tax Report for the month of February.

Council was asked to check their calendars and see if there were any conflicts for Saturday, March 8th for the annual CIP Meeting which will be held in City Council Chambers.

A public hearing will be held at the March 4, 2014 meeting for receiving public comments for the possible relocation of the City's polling station.

The Tourism Committee has completed their Strategic Plan and hope to present it to Council at one of the March meetings.

In comments from Council, Councilman Roop advised the City is down in excess of \$100,000 in sales tax from last year. In spite of this loss, there is still a lot for the City to be thankful.

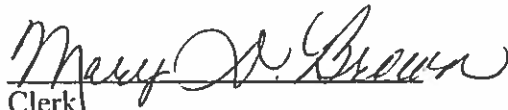
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to go into a work session with the City of Norton School Board. (Insert – Councilman Roop's Disclosure Statement)

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk