

The special called meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 24, 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

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., 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 Police Chief James C. Lane.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

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Council was presented with An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Enacting a Stormwater Management and Soil and Erosion Control for consideration.

Mr. Ramey advised that Council had reviewed this ordinance for the past several months and action needs to be taken before June 30th. The duly advertised public hearing was held at Council's last meeting and Council had been deadlocked as to which option to take on the appeals process. They then tabled the ordinance to be on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Bill Bradshaw advised Council that he had made some changes in the language in Options A and B and read these changes to them. In Option A, notification must be made in writing to the Clerk within 30 days to appeal the decision to the City Manager. To appeal to the Circuit Court, a written notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the City Manager's Decision.

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In Option B, a notification must be handled with the same procedure as Option A with an additional step between the City Manager and the Circuit Court. That step is that it will go to City Council or its designee.

Mr. Ramey advised that Winfred Collins, the City's Building Official, was present to answer any questions Council may have.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Roop, Mays, NO – Fawbush, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Enacting a Stormwater Management and Soil and Erosion Control Ordinance and selecting Option B where the appeals process will include the step of coming to Council or its designee before going to the Circuit Court. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had been given a copy of a Fee Schedule for Stormwater Management Program Administration/Erosion and Sediment Control Program Administration/Permit Issuance.

Mr. Ramey advised this could have been included with the ordinance; however any future changes in fees would have required the ordinance to be amended each time.

Should Council have any questions, Mr. Collins, the City's Building Official, is present to answer any questions Council may have.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt a Fee Schedule for Stormwater Management Program Administration/Erosion and Sediment Control Program Administration/Permit Issuance. (Insert)

At this time, the City Manager introduced to Council the City's new Social Services Director, Christine "Crickett" Blair, who started work June 23rd. Also present tonight is Glenda E. Collins, Community Policy and Management Board Chairperson for the City of Norton Community Policy and Management Board.

Ms. Collins spoke to Council seeking an additional appropriation of \$10,605.76 to cover the current Comprehensive Services Act caseloads through June 30, 2014.

During this discussion, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat on Council.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to appropriate \$10,605.76 from Contingency to the City's Social Services for CSA caseloads through June 30, 2014.

Council had been presented with An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2014 Thru June 30, 2015 Appropriating Funds for all Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and all Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. The budget totals \$9,428,070 which is \$28,342 less than the previous budget. A duly advertised public hearing was held at the last meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2014 Thru June 30, 2015 Appropriating Funds for all Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and all Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

Council had been given A Resolution for Member Contributions by Salary Reduction for Counties, Cities, Towns, and Other Political Subdivisions as provided by the Virginia Retirement System.

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Mr. Ramey advised that Council has seen this resolution for the past two years as this had been mandated by the General Assembly for the phasing in of a 5% employee contribution. The City had done 1% for each of the past two years and this year went ahead and completed this requirement with the remaining 3%.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution for Member Contributions by Salary Reduction for Counties, Cities, Towns, and Other Political Subdivisions. (Insert)

A Resolution for Employer Contribution Rates for Counties, Cities, Towns, School Divisions and Other Political Subdivisions (in accordance with the 2014 Appropriation Act Item 468(H)) furnished by the Virginia Retirement System which establishes the City's contribution rate was presented to Council for action. The City was given the choice of selecting one of two options. One was the standard base rate of 10.7% or an alternate rate of 8.71%. It was the recommendation of the City Administration to select the standard base rate of 10.7%.

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After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution for Employer Contribution Rates for Counties, Cities, Towns, School Divisions and Other Political Subdivisions (in accordance with the 2014 Appropriation Act Item 468(H)) accepting the 10.7% standard base rate. (Insert)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Ramey advised that this plan had been in place since 1988 and for the second time in two years, the City will not be in a position to do any capital projects. The only included items in this program for the upcoming budget year is \$200,000 for annual paving and existing equipment leases in the amount of \$56,174 in the General Fund and \$38,000 for Water Tank Rehabilitation in the Enterprise Fund.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

The City Manager advised that Councilman Caruso had asked for a discussion on an amendment to the City Code Section 20-52 relating to fees for license to fish in the upper reservoir.

Councilman Caruso stated he would like to see a new category of a short term pass, of either 3 or 7 days, added to this code section. He also would like for the license to run for one full year running from date of purchase.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a new ordinance with the addition of a 3 consecutive day

fishing license in the amount of \$5.00, with all fishing licenses to run for one year from date of purchase, and eliminate the Old Dominion Sportsman Association members from this ordinance for purchasing a license for a fee of \$5.00. The City Manager was authorized to advertise a public hearing on changes to City Code Section 20-52 and Section 20-55 for the above changes.

The City Manager advised he would bring back a draft ordinance at the July meeting and advertise a public hearing to be held at the August meeting.

Mayor Mays advised he would like to have only one meeting during the months of July and August since Council has had so many meetings recently.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to cancel the first meeting of July and August. The July meeting will be July 15th and the August meeting will be August 19th.

Since Mr. Collins will be attending classes and cannot be in attendance at the July meeting, the item of further discussion and action on the upcoming City of Norton Ordinance on Section No. 26.1-40-3 Accessory Use Limitations – General will be on the agenda for the August 19th meeting.

Council asked that Ms. Emershaw be informed.

The City Manager advised he would notify her of this date.

Council had copies of checks payable to the City of Norton Department of Social Services in the amount of \$150,044.80 and to Thomas Construction Company in the amount of \$278,123.17.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve checks as listed above.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, 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.

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.

The Clerk polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Closed Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk 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, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, 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 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 2017.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated W. C. "Buzz" Witt to be reappointed to this Authority.

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

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Mayor Mays declared W. C. "Buzz" Witt reappointed to the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 2017.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations of a student representative to the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth for a four year term which will expire on July 1, 2018.

Councilman Roop nominated Megan Steffey to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Mays declared Megan Steffey reappointed to the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth for a four year term as a student representative with term expiring on July 1, 2018.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for an appointment to the Black Diamond Resource Conservation Development Council for a two year term which will expire on July 1, 2016.

Councilman Caruso nominated Mark Leonard to be appointed to this Council.

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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 Mark Leonard appointed to the Black Diamond Resource Conservation Development Council for a two year term which will expire on July 1, 2016.

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

The City Administration would like to thank Council for their support during this difficult budget cycle. The City Administration has already begun discussions on the 2015-2016 budget.

The annual Water Quality Reports have been sent out and a copy has been placed at Council members' desks.

The City Clerk was in receipt of an e-mail from the State regarding the annual Statement of Economic Interests and Financial Disclosures. She was advised that effective July 1st, these forms will be filled out twice a year beginning in 2015 and some other modifications have been put on them.

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The first summer camp sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department, "The Engineer's Toolbox" was held June 16th- 20th. There were 22 slots and 22 in attendance.

The second camp, "The Green City Robot Rumble" is now being held through June 27th. There are 21 slots and 21 in attendance with 4 on a waiting list.

The final class will be held July 7th – 11th and is titled "Get Your Bot in the Game". He is receiving good comments on these camps and Council is to be commended for having financed these classes.

Water slides are on our Fantastic Fridays. A schedule is on Council members' desk. City fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 5th.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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In comments from Council, Councilman Caruso asked for an update on the on the Flag Rock/High Knob Recreational Area sign. Mr. Ramey advised that a contract had been signed today and should be installed prior to the Tower's opening.

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Councilman Roop wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

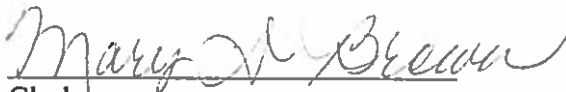
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk