

City Council Meeting Packet



November 17, 2015

AGENDA

Norton City Council

November 17, 2015

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation – Rev. Roger Sloce
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. Meeting of October 20, 2015
5. Audience for Visitors
6. Public Hearing:
 - A. An Ordinance Allowing Utility Vehicles on Certain City Streets.
7. New Business
 - A. Update on the Clinch River Valley Initiative.
 - B. Request for Resolution Supporting the Southwest Virginia Training Center.
 - C. Update on the Request to Participate in the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Fish Management and Stocking Program.
 - D. A Request to Refund Erroneously Assessed Real Estate Taxes.
 - E. Resolution Recognizing November as Adoption Awareness Month.

- F. Confirmation of a Check(s)/Transfer(s) in Excess of \$100,000.
- G. Closed Meeting to Discuss Personnel as Per 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.
1. Appointment to the Southwest VASAP Board for a Three (3) Year Term, Currently Chief James Lane, Whose Term Expires on 12/1/2015.

To 12/1/2018
 2. Appointment to the Building Code Board of Appeals to Fill an Unexpired Term of Mr. James Boggs, who has Resigned.

To 1/17/2019
 3. Approval of Appointments to the Southwest Virginia Community Corrections Board as Required by Section 9.1-178 of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.
 4. Evaluation of the City Manager.
8. Comments by the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Council.
9. Adjournment.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 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 Dee Belcher

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Freddie Powers and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Fire Chief Todd Lagow and members of the Norton Fire Department.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by the following vote: YES – Caruso, Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting as presented.

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

A Public Information Session was held to solicit public input on the VDOT MAP-21 Application for Funding.

Mr. Ramey advised that the funding will be used for a proposed 1.25 mile trail along the Guest River from the Norton Community Center to Kentucky Avenue that will be constructed of compacted gravel or pavement. Mr. Ramey explained when the City upgraded the sewer interceptor line in this area that the site became a great recreational opportunity to develop a river walk. Mr. Ramey hopes this project can become a multi-phase project allowing the trail to end on City property at the sewer plant in Ramsey. Mr. Cody McElroy who is assisting with the grant application is also present to answer any questions.

Councilman Caruso stated the river walk was a fine project and very worthwhile.

There being no further comments from Council, Mayor Mays opened the Public Information Session.

There being no public comment, Mayor Mays closed the Public Information Session.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to continue the VDOT MAP-21 grant application.

The City Manager recognized Fire Chief Todd Lagow who presented Council with a list of working officers of the Department for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as required by City Code. Chief Lagow thanked Council for his appointment as chief and asked for Council's approval of this group of volunteers.

Chief Lagow then introduced each member that was present and advised Council that the working officers have over 200 years of experience. The average response time is approximately 2.5 minutes.

Mayor Mays thanked Chief Lagow and the working officers for their service to the City.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the list of working officers for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as presented by Fire Chief Lagow. At this time, a round of applause was given to the firefighters.

Councilman Caruso thanked the firefighters for their service.

Mr. Ramey advised that Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools was present to request a Supplemental Local Appropriation to take part in the 2015 School Security Grant.

Before beginning with his presentation, Dr. Perrigan invited City Council to John I. Burton's Veteran's Day program on November 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at which time they will honor local veterans and rededicate the clock tower 11:11 a.m.

Dr. Perrigan advised Council that the school system wrote a School Safety Grant last year in the amount of \$95,930.97 and were advised the school system will be awarded \$76,025.00 in state grant funds with the stipulation of 25% local match of \$19,006.00. As a result, he was present tonight to ask Council for additional funding in the amount of \$19,006.00 to utilize the School Safety Grant.

Following a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by the following vote: Yes - Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, Mays, NO – Caruso, ABSENT – None, Council moved to allocate \$19,006.00 from contingency to fund the school safety project as presented.

Included in Council's packets was a Proposed Utility Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Ramey advised at the last meeting the City Administration was asked to provide Council with a list of streets where utility vehicles would not be allowed. Mr. Ramey, via a PowerPoint presentation, gave Council a visual of proposed streets and explained how the City Administration determined which streets utility vehicles would not be allowed to access.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to authorize the City Manager to advertise a public hearing on the Utility Vehicle Ordinance as presented.

Mr. Ramey advised the City recently received a request from the Virginia Municipal League to provide a locally handcrafted Christmas ornament that represents our community to be displayed on the holiday tree at the Governor's mansion. The City reached out to local master carver Maurice Vanhook who created an ornament of Flag Rock. Mr. Ramey shared the carving with Council and it was the consensus of Council that the ornament was a wonderful representation of the City.

Council had included in their packets A Resolution Recognizing October as Disability Awareness Month and Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Recognizing October as Disability Awareness Month and Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had one check to be confirmed. The check was made payable to Boring Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$151,011.63.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to confirm the one check as stated above.

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

City has seen an increase in bear complaints with the largest concern around the school. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) is very selective about trapping bears so the City is working with the school to empty their dumpster at the end of the day to try to resolve the issue.

Dr. Perrigan advised emptying the dumpster seems to have resolved the issue after the 2nd day but he was contacted by the state biologist and they will be sending a trapper to trap the bear and release it.

The AmeriCorps team did not come due to the flooding in South Carolina. However, we are still hopeful they will come but not sure when they will arrive.

A copy of the latest monthly sales tax report was placed at Council's desks.

The Halloween Bash is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at the 11th Street Park from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

In comments from Council:

Councilwoman Belcher stated the City firemen are a necessary component of the City and they do a lot to take care of our City.

She is glad to see the City sales tax is improving.

Councilman Fultz said he noticed that several of the firemen in attendance tonight were born here, raised here, and graduated here and that is what makes Norton special. He is very appreciative of their service and their presence in the community and the events they work.

He thanked Mr. Ramey and Mr. Cody McElroy for finding the VDOT MAP-21 funding for the proposed river walk project.

It is nice to see the wall project coming together and the signage looks great.

He was able to enjoy and be involved in the Woodbooger event this weekend at Flag Rock. He saw a great family event and commended Councilman Fawbush for his work on the event.

Councilman Caruso thanked Mr. Ramey and the City Attorney for their work on the Utility Vehicle Ordinance.

He would like an update on the ATV ordinance and how we are dealing with VDOT on this issue.

Mr. Ramey advised he had spoken with a VDOT representative yesterday and he hoped to provide a letter to City Administration on the list of roads and streets the City provided to them at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Caruso advised Pennington Gap had opened a new ATV trail and he had a gentleman from Buchanan County in his store that wanted to know when Norton will be joining in on this venture.

Downtown business "Think Tank" has a lot of good ideas and all comments are positive. They have set up a blog site which displays cumulative ideas.

He thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for their work but especially wanted to thank Officer Mays and Officer Davis for their handling of an injured cat his daughter had found and the level of community service they demonstrated.

He said he believed we needed to educate the public one more time on how the wall was funded.

He and Carol participated in the Woodbooger event and felt it was a great event and it can only get better. He wants to commend City workers who worked the event for their enthusiasm and work.

He asked Council to advise if they would like to work on a new strategic plan or review and update the current comprehensive plan. He believes Council is doing a great disservice to the Citizens by not being planners.

Mayor Mays stated he believed the comprehensive plan would be a good place to start but he needs to reread the plan.

Mr. Ramey advised he would need to get everyone a copy of the comprehensive plan so they can be reviewing the document. Under the state code, the Planning Commission plays an important role in creating or updating a comprehensive plan and the goal is to get as many citizens as possible involved in the process.

Councilman Caruso stated he thinks the City not having a plan for the future is the greatest issue the City faces.

Councilman Fawbush thanked Mr. Ramey and Mr. Shupe for their continued work on City projects and their ability to make things work.

The City is blessed to have Police, Fire and Rescue services. Public Works and City Administration are at the top of their game.

He was fortunate to work with Public Works and Parks & Recreation at the Woodbooger event this weekend and he is very appreciative of their hard work and their work ethic.

Mr. Ramey stated the City loves working with individuals who plan an event and he doesn't believe the City has ever worked with a group that has been as organized as the Woodbooger event.

He thanked Norton City Schools for providing the characters for the event. He thanked Neil Walker for parking at the event.

Councilman Fawbush stated he believed the citizens of Norton are truly thankful for all the services the City provides to them. He has noticed some stress in surrounding towns and he would like to see the City's level of services continue or even grow in the future.

He stated the Fire Department is a great bunch and the Fire Department appreciates City Council's support. The Fire Department needs new equipment or to have the current equipment refurbished but they are making it work and he appreciates them for doing that.

He will have a formal report in a few weeks but he wanted everyone to know that the Woodbooger event could not occur without everyone's involvement.

Councilman Fultz stated there is a 5K Turkey Run on Thanksgiving Day and it is another opportunity for the community to get out and get involved.

Mayor Mays wanted to echo Council's comments.

He would like to recommend that Council cancel the November 3, 2015 meeting since Councilman Fultz will be working the election.

It was the consensus of Council to cancel the November 3, 2015 meeting.

He just wanted to repeat Council's comments and he advised that he feels very blessed and very privileged to serve with each Council member. He is very appreciative of their respect for one another even when they do not agree.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

William Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council



October 20, 2015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Council Chambers located at 618 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Norton, Virginia. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input on an ordinance allowing utility vehicles on certain City streets. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be available for inspection Monday through Friday between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in the City Manager's Office or available at www.nortonva.gov. All attendance and comments at the meeting are encouraged and welcome.

Fred L. Ramey, Jr.

City Manager

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TO THE COALFIELD;

Please run in the Friday, November 6th and Friday, November 13th editions of the Coalfield.

AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE
PERTAINING TO UTILITY VEHICLES

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to promote economic opportunity, small business and the appearance and accessibility of property in the City, and

WHEREAS, these values will be enhanced if entrepreneurs are enabled to offer services in the areas of general maintenance, security, agricultural or horticultural purposes, and

WHEREAS, the use of utility vehicles is desirable in the conduct of these activities, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary and convenient for utility vehicles to be operated on City streets when moving from property to property, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic on the streets designated herein and has determined that utility vehicle operations on the streets and in the areas designated herein is compatible with state and local transportation plans and is consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy, after receiving a recommendation as to such use from the City Manager,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,

1. That the Norton City Code be amended by adding thereto as Chapter 13, Article IV – UTILITY VEHICLES, the following:

“Sec. 13-77. –Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall, for the purposes of this article, have the meanings respectfully ascribed to them:

Multi-purpose path means that area of a public street designated by the City for pedestrian travel, and use by utility vehicles.

Sidewalk means that area of a public street set aside or used for pedestrian travel which is parallel to and within the boundary lines of a street.

Street means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel in the City, including the streets and alleys, for law-enforcement purposes, the entire width between the boundary lines of all private roads or private streets that have been specifically designated “highways”, as that term is defined in §46.2-100 of the State Code, by ordinance, and also including sidewalks and multi-purpose paths.

Utility vehicle means a motor vehicle that is (i) designed for off-road use, (ii) powered by a motor and (iii) used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or horticultural purposes. “Utility vehicle” does not include riding lawn mowers.

Sec. 13-78. –Utility vehicle operations on streets not otherwise designed for such operation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a utility vehicle on or over any street, sidewalk, or multi-purpose path in the City, except as provided in this article.

Sec. 13-79. –Limitations on utility vehicle operations on designated streets.

(a) Utility vehicle operations on designed streets shall be in accordance with the following limitations:

- (1) A utility vehicle may be operated only on designated streets where the posted speed limit is twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less. A utility vehicle may cross a highway at an intersection controlled by a traffic light if the highway has a posted speed limit of no more than 35 miles per hour;
- (2) No person shall operate any utility vehicle on any street unless he has in his possession a valid driver’s license;
- (3) Every utility vehicle, whenever operated on a street, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with §46.2-1081 of the State Code; and
- (4) Utility vehicles shall be operated on designated streets only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in Article 3 (§46.2-100 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of the State Code.
- (5) No utility vehicle shall be operated without liability insurance required by the State Code.

(b) The limitations of subsection (a)(1) of this section shall not apply to utility vehicles being operated to the extent necessary for local government employees, operating only upon streets within the City, to fulfill a governmental purpose, provided the utility vehicle is being operated on streets with speed limits of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less.

Sec.13-80. –Procedure for designation of streets for utility vehicle operations.

- (a) No street or portion thereof may be designated for use by utility vehicles unless that portion of the street has been reviewed and approved for such usage by the City Council and designated for such use in this article.
- (b) Prior to approving a street or portion thereof for use by utility vehicles, the City Council shall (i) consider the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using such streets, and (ii) determine that utility vehicle operation on a particular street is compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the Commonwealth’s Statewide Pedestrian Policy provided for in Section 33.1-

- 23.03:001 of the state code, after receiving a recommendation as to such use from the City Manager.
- (c) No street or portion thereof shall be designated for use by utility vehicles if such utility vehicle operations will impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic.

Sec. 13-81. –Designated streets for utility vehicle use.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the City Code to the contrary, the following portions of streets in the City are designated for use by utility vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this article and state law:

Notwithstanding any other provision of the City Code to the contrary, utility vehicles may use any portions of the streets of the City in accordance with the provisions of this article and state law, with the exception of the following streets or designated portions thereof:

U. S. Route 23
 U. S. Alternate Route 58
 Kentucky Avenue from 11th Street to Eastern City Limits
 East Park Avenue from Northern City Limits to Tipple Hill Intersection
 Hawthorne Drive from U. S. Alt. 58 to State Rt. 757 (Norton-Wise Road)
 Dorchester Road
 West Main Avenue from Western City Limits to 11th St.
 11th St. between Kentucky Avenue and Park Avenue
 Park Avenue between Western City Limits and Tipple Hill
 Trent Street
 3rd Street NE
 14th Street NW
 15th Street NW

Sec. 13-82. –Violations of this Article IV shall be a traffic infraction punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$100.00. Enforcement shall be by citation issued by a member of the City Police Department.

This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

City of Norton

Inter-Office Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager *FLR*
CC:
Date: November 11, 2015
Re: Update on the Clinch River Valley Initiative

At our November 17th Council meeting, Robyn Lee and Wally Smith of the University of Virginia's College at Wise will provide City Council with an update on the recent activities involving the Clinch River Valley Initiative (CRVI).

Thank You.

Fred Ramey

From: Teresa Barringer <TeresaJandR@Comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Fred Ramey
Subject: Request to speak at the City Council Board Meeting
Attachments: Board of Supervisors Sample Resolution.docx; POINTS OF INTEREST FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS.docx

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me concerning SWVTC in Hillsville, VA.

Attached is the information for your approval. I hope we will be approved to have a speaker at your meeting.

Teresa B. Barringer
PAAC

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Virginia Training Center was established in 1975 and has provided quality care throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, most residents have profound and/or other serious intellectual disabilities, often accompanied by severe medical or behavioral problems and need full time assistance to perform the basic functions of living; and

WHEREAS, family members of residents are deeply concerned about the safety of their loved ones should they be forced to leave the center; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY will be impacted with the moving of the residents into the community; and

WHEREAS, the closure of this facility would be detrimental to our community with the responsibility of helping the families from county find the care that is the same as or better than the care that is currently offered at Southwestern Virginia Training Center

WHEREAS, the county supports the Training Center remain open

POINTS OF INTEREST FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS

- 1) Introduction: Explain the DOJ Settlement agreement with the state of Virginia
 - a. The DOJ entered into an agreement with the state of Virginia, because Virginia was not doing enough to involve the Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled Individuals into the community.
 - b. The previous Governor signed a ruling that all but one of the Training Centers in Virginia would be closed and these individuals would be moved into the community. This is not required under the settlement agreement; the agreement states that individuals and/or legal guardians can choose a training center environment for the individual. The training center that was chosen to remain open is Chesapeake which has 75 beds and 69 are filled. This is too far for the families of the SWVTC to drive and visit their loved ones.
 - c. Our current Governor could change this procedure with a stroke of his pen.
 - d. The Code of Virginia also states that people can have the choice of a Training Center.
 - e. If the centers close, the localities will be responsible to help make sure that all of the services that are now available at the training center will be available in the community setting. (The settlement agreement states that the care must be as good as or better than the individual is receiving.)
 - f. The services are as follows: medical care (doctor on staff Monday-Friday and on call nights and weekends), 24 hour nursing services, 24 hour direct care services, occupation therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, dentist services when needed including routine exams, neurology, dietary, pharmaceutical services, community involvement including and not limited to work possibilities, trips, volunteer work, and any other activity that enhance the lives of each individuals and their needs. The individuals must have a safe environment where their safety and the safety of others are of the utmost importance.
 - g. Individuals must have the same type of setting including but not limited to private bedrooms etc.
 - h. The secure setting of the individual's surroundings is mandatory.
 - i. Each individual must be able to thrive in his or her individual needs and talents.
 - j. The health of all individuals is the most important requirement, this has to be guaranteed to be the best possible care equal to or better than the training center.
 - k. What can the town, county, or city is willing to provide for our loved ones and can the localities take on this enormous responsibility.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Virginia Training Center was established in 1975 and has provided quality care throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, most residents have profound and/or other serious intellectual disabilities, often accompanied by severe medical or behavioral problems and need full time assistance to perform the basic functions of living; and

WHEREAS, family members of residents are deeply concerned about the safety of their loved ones should they be forced to leave the center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton will be impacted with the moving of the residents into the community; and

WHEREAS, the closure of this facility would be detrimental to our community with the responsibility of helping the families from the City find the care that is the same as or better than the care that is currently offered at Southwestern Virginia Training Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton supports the Training Center and the services that it provides.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council does hereby request that the Commonwealth of Virginia reconsider its plans to close the Southwest Virginia Training Center.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2015.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

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Welcome to Southwestern Virginia Training Center

Who we are

Southwestern Virginia Training Center (SWVTC) is operated by the [Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services \[http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/\]](http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/). SWVTC provides a broad range of residential, habilitative, and medical services to persons with intellectual disabilities from the 17 county, 4 city region of Southwest Virginia.

*Pursuing the **VISION** of
Living Independently and Functionally Everyday*



*Achieving the **MISSION** by
Serving and Working with Vigilance To create better Communities*

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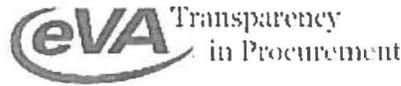
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Self Determination and Person Centered Experience Plan

September 2, 2009 - [Progress Report \[/docs/OIGPlanStatus139-07_Sept02.xls\]](#) for the Self Determination and Person Centered Experience Plan.

The [Self Determination and Person Centered Experience Plan \[/docs/OIGPlan2008.pdf\]](#) outlines the continuing evolution of our efforts using the findings of the Office of the Inspector General's Report # 139-07 as a guide to assist us in our efforts as we transition from a deficit model to a person-centered model.

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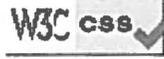
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Services

Training Opportunities

Southwestern Virginia Training Center in Hillsville, VA will begin offering training for anyone planning on supporting individuals moving from the facility. In response to this need, starting January 2, 2014, SWVTC will initiate a one day introductory training focused on supporting individuals with complex needs. Please follow the link below to register for our next Generalized Training session.

[Register for Generalized Training session \[http://www.eventbrite.com/e/southwestern-virginia-training-center-generalized-training-tickets-9396991655\]](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/southwestern-virginia-training-center-generalized-training-tickets-9396991655)

Regional Community Support Center (RCSC)

RCSC supports people that live in the community by providing specialized dental, behavioral, psychiatric and other clinical services. Click [here for more information \[rcsc.htm\]](#).

Admissions

Admissions are through the Community Services Board review process. All admissions are voluntary.

Living Arrangements

Living arrangements are primarily cottages or dormitory-style buildings as near homelike as possible.

Individually Planned Program

An individualized program emphasizing education, self-help, employment, habilitation, and behavioral support is planned after development of an Essential Lifestyle Plan. SWVTC's goal is to help provide supports to enable an individual to live an independent and functional life.

Self-Help Training

Qualified residential services staff provide support in the areas of bathing, eating, dressing, toileting, grooming, basic hygiene and social skills.

Behavioral Support

Licensed psychologists and psychiatrists provide assessments, develop plans, provide assistance, counseling, and support services.

Work Training

Residents may participate in work activity programs or community-based workshops to promote work habits and skills. Our goal is to have a paying job for every person living at SWVTC. Our support staff teach necessary skills and techniques to successfully earn wages.

Therapy Programs

SWVTC has physical and occupational therapy programs staffed by licensed physical and occupational therapy professionals. Specialized training in communication and music is provided by certified speech and language pathologists and music therapists.

Family Training

An integral goal of SWVTC is to enable individuals to succeed in the community environment. Parents and guardians are encouraged to become involved in supporting individuals. Technical assistance/training for parents, guardians, and other caregivers is available.

Program Oversight

To assure services are responsive to resident needs, programs are periodically reviewed by qualified professionals. Supports addressing behavioral issues are approved and monitored by the Behavior Management and Human Rights Committees.

Advocacy Program

A Human Rights Advocate safeguards the rights of residents.

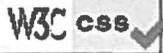
Respite Services

Respite services are available if space permits. Contact your local Community Services Board for more information.

If you would like additional information, please contact nancy.joines@dbhds.virginia.gov [<mailto:nancy.joines@dbhds.virginia.gov>].

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Chapter 20 - RESERVOIR
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Cross reference— Water and sewers, Ch. 25

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Sec. 20-1. - Violations of chapter.

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As used in this chapter, the term "reservoir" shall mean the Norton Reservoir and land adjacent thereto and, unless indicated to the contrary, shall include the lower reservoir.

Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

(Ord. of 9-16-14(1) § 1)

Sec. 20-3. - Hours of use.

The reservoir shall be open for use each day from one (1) hour before sunrise until one (1) hour after sunset. It shall be unlawful for any person to use the reservoir between one (1) hour after sunset and one (1) hour before sunrise.

(Code 1975, § 16A-2)

Sec. 20-4. - Users to comply with state laws and regulations.

It shall be unlawful for any person using the reservoir to violate any provisions of state law or any regulation of the state commission of game and inland fisheries.

(Code 1975, § 16A-5)

Sec. 20-5. - Suspension of use.

The use of the reservoir may be suspended at any time by action of the city council if deemed advisable because of danger of wood fires, reduction of fish population, extreme low water or any hazard to the health of users of the city's public water supply system. No refund shall be allowed on any license fee paid under this chapter by reason of such suspension.

(Code 1975, § 16A-7)

Sec. 20-6. - Littering; removing, damaging property generally.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any paper, bottles, cans, rubbish, litter or other waste, trash or deleterious matter in or at the reservoir except in the receptacles provided to receive the same.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface or damage any sign, poster, trash receptacle, sand, stone, or other property or fixture of any kind belonging to or provided by the city at the reservoir.

(Code 1975, §§ 16A-6, 21-13, 21-15, 21-16)

Cross reference— Littering generally, § 9-6 et seq.; damaging public property generally, § 14-68 et seq.

Sec. 20-7. - Removal of or damage to vegetation.

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(Code 1975, § 16A-6)

Sec. 20-8. - Reserved.

Editor's note— An ordinance adopted May 5, 2009, repealed § 20-8, which pertained to fishing prohibited in lower reservoir. The user's attention is directed to § 20-60 et seq.

Secs. 20-9—20-30. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - FISHING AT RESERVOIR

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 20-31. - Limits; check-out of catch.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take from the reservoir or have in his possession at such reservoir a greater number of trout than is provided by state law. All trout taken from such reservoir must be produced for check-out purposes the same day by the agent designated by the city manager.

Except for trout, the reservoir is a catch and release fishing area. No fish, except for trout may be removed from the reservoir.

(Code 1975, § 16A-6; Ord. of 7-13-10; Ord. of 9-16-14(1) § 1)

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No person shall clean any fish on the waters of the reservoir.

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Secs. 20-33—20-50. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - LICENSE

Sec. 20-51. - Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fish on the reservoir unless he has a current license so to do issued pursuant to this division.

(Ord. of 6-3-80, §§ 1, 3; Ord. of 9-16-14(1) § 1)

Sec. 20-52. - Fee.

(a) The fee for a license required by this division shall be as follows:

- (1) *City residents over the age of twelve (12) years*, ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (2) *Nonresidents over the age of twelve (12) years*, fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

(3) *Children twelve (12) years of age and under, both resident and nonresident, no charge. Children under this division are allowed to fish only while accompanied by a licensed resident or nonresident over the age of twelve (12) years.*

(4) *Residents or nonresidents for three (3) consecutive days, five dollars (\$5.00).*

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) above, city residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older or any veteran who has a permanent and total service connected disability as certified by the Veterans Administration may obtain a lifetime fishing license at no charge and such license shall not be subject to the provisions of section 20-55

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Sec. 20-53. - Issuance.

The license required by this division shall be issued by the city treasurer or such agents as are designated by the council upon the filing of a proper application therefor and payment of the prescribed fee.

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Sec. 20-54. - Restrictions.

Licenses issued under this division shall be subject to restrictions approved by the council and printed on the back of the license.

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Sec. 20-57. - Trespass prohibited on lower reservoir dam.

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August 19, 2015

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
1796 Highway Sixteen
Marion, VA 24354

Attn: Mr. Bill Kittrell, Jr., Regional Fisheries Manager

Ref: Management of the City's Upper Reservoir

Dear Mr. Kittrell:

I would like to begin by thanking you for your informative presentation to our City Council on August 4th. The presentation was helpful and City Council is very interested in moving forward with formally partnering with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) through your Fish Management and Stocking Program.

As a formal request, please find attached a copy of the resolution requesting that the VDGIF add the City's reservoir to this Program.

Finally as we discussed during your August 4th visit, the City Administration will begin working with City Council to review our current ordinance regulating fishing in the City's two reservoirs. We understand that changes will be needed to the ordinance that will bring the City within the guidelines required by your program. In advance of receiving notification of being accepted into your program, I have attached a copy of our ordinance and would like to request that you highlight any modifications that will need to either be modified or removed from our ordinance prior to entering into the program. When you have the opportunity, please review and let's schedule a call to discuss further.

Once again, thanks for your assistance regarding this matter and we look forward to having the opportunity to work together with you further on this program.

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Mr. Bill Kittrell
August 19, 2015

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you or your agency.

Sincerely,

Fred L. Ramey, Jr.
City Manager

FLR

Enclosures: Resolution and Ordinance

Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Norton wishes to increase recreational fishing opportunities for the residents of the City of Norton as well as the citizens within the County of Wise and Southwest Virginia; and

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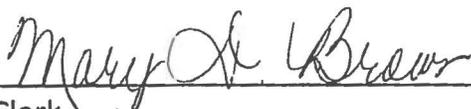
ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2015.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



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 Clerk

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 Commissioner Of The Revenue
 City of Norton

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Date: October 30, 2015

To: Barbara Muir
 Treasurer, City of Norton

From: Judy K. Miller *JKM*
 Commissioner of the Revenue

Subject: Refunds for Real Estate
 Tax years: 2012/2013/2014/2015
 Errors in 2011 Reassessment that took effect 1-1-2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Reasoning</u>	<u>Refund Amt.</u>
Ronald & Kim Gilliam	2012-2015	Calculation Errors	\$1,019.96

The calculation errors included: square footage, improvements and building.

See attached Land Card.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Thanks.

cc: Fred Ramey
 City Manager

Resolution

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Virginians is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, every child in Virginia, regardless of physical, medical or emotional challenges, age or race, needs love, support, security and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, these children can thrive, reach their full potential, and spread their wings when given the loving and firm foundation of family, a family with a desire to parent a child who would otherwise not have permanency in their lives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to adoption from foster care, it is appropriate to recognize those who have chosen other adoption options to build a family. It is important for every child who cannot be raised by a birth parent to find a permanent home. Children have better outcomes when they are raised in families; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 4,000 children in Virginia's foster care program and more than 750 children have the goal of adoption and are available for placement in an adoptive home; and

WHEREAS, these children are not all newborns; many are older youth living in foster care that feel that they may be too old to be adopted; brothers and sisters who are separated in the foster care system long to be adopted by the same family and all of these children want a sense of belonging that adoptive parents care provide; and

WHEREAS; Virginia Heart Galleries have been created around the Commonwealth to provide much needed exposure of the faces of our waiting children and these endeavors can continue their unprecedented successes in finding loving and permanent homes; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration of both public and private adoption agencies along with community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, and others should be recognized for their commitment to the needs of the children throughout the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council does formally recognize November 2015, as ***Adoption Awareness Month*** and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2015.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

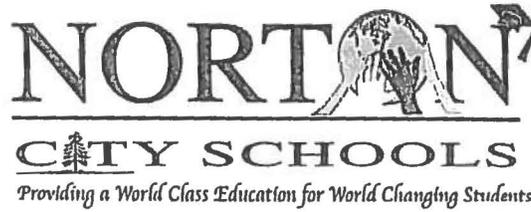
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**DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**

Keith Perrigan, Ed.D.
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 Phone 276.679.2330
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TO: Jeff Shupe, Director of Finance
 FROM: Tamrya Spradlin, Supervisor of Finance 
 SUBJECT: Request For Funds
 DATE: October 28, 2015

The Norton City Schools requests a deposit of City Funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 to cover payroll expenditures.

Thank you!

APPROVED

 10/28/2015