

City Council Meeting Packet



May 17, 2016

AGENDA

Norton City Council

May 17, 2016

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation – Rev. Freddie Powers
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. Meeting of May 3, 2016
5. Audience for Visitors
6. Public Hearing:
 - A. A Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the Proposed 2016-17 Budget for the Norton City Schools.
 1. Public Hearing
 2. Comments by City Council
7. New Business
 - A. Discussion on the Potential Need to Modify City Code Chapter 20 Pertaining to the Reservoir.
 - B. Overview of the 2016 Summer Camps Planned by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - C. Request to Refund Erroneously Assessed Personal Property Taxes.
 - D. Update on the 2016 Norton Business Challenge.

- E. Resolution Proclaiming May 2016 as Adult Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Norton.
- F. Confirmation of a Check(s)/Transfer(s) in Excess of \$100,000.
- G. Closed Meeting to Discuss Personnel as Per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.

- 1. Appointment of a Parent Representative to the City's Community Policy and Management Board.

To 7/1/2020

- 2. Nomination to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Five (5) Year Term; Currently Gordon Sandt Whose Term Ends 6/2/2016.

To 6/2/2021

- 3. Nomination to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the Unexpired Term of Bill Bledsoe Whose Term Ends 6/2/2019.

To 6/2/2019

- 4. Appointment to the Planning Commission for a Four (4) Year Term; Currently Randy Stidham Whose Term Ends 6/30/2016.

To 6/30/2020

- 5. Appointment to the Mountain Empire College Board for a Four (4) Year Term; Currently Robert Isaac Whose Term Ends 6/30/2016.

To 6/30/2020

- 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, May 3, 2016 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 the Reverend Gary Hill and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief James Lane.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by the following vote: YES – Caruso, Fultz, Fawbush, Mays, Belcher, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting as presented.

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

Ms. Glenda Collins, Chairperson of the City's Children's Services Act (CSA) (formally known as the Comprehensive Services Act), handed out a packet on CSA and spoke briefly to Council to request additional funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the fiscal year 2016. Ms. Collins advised the supplemental appropriation was due to an increase in their caseload.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to appropriate up to an additional \$25,000 to CSA for fiscal year 2016.

Ms. Kitty Barker, Executive Director of the Heart of Appalachia gave Council an update on the activities and plans for the Virginia Coalfield Regional Tourism Authority. Ms. Barker explained their objective this year was to get visitors across the threshold to spend dollars and to create a sustainable funding plan to operate the Authority. They have created a new marketing and investment plan that will do all the marketing for your locality for \$2,500 per year. They are working on expanding venues for outdoor events and recreation and more individuals are working with the Heart of Appalachia.

Prior to the presentation of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library, Lann Malesky, 1113 Virginia Avenue, NW, and the City's representative on the Library Board, spoke to Council on behalf of funding for the library for fiscal 2016-2017. Mr. Malesky shared stories of library users with Council and the various services that are available that are valuable to City residents. He advised the library provides a wide range of services for the Citizens of Norton and he urges Council to consider the library's needs when deliberating the budget.

Lynn Smith, President of Friends of the Wise County Library, advised Council she had asked several people to come and speak on behalf of the library. The following spoke to

Council in support of funding the library: Dickie Smith, Adam Smith, Lynn Sutter, Beth Thacker, Bill Maxwell, Teresa Robinette, and Ginnie Stokes.

Ms. Smith then continued speaking with Council advising they have initiated fundraising to keep existing summer programs. She advised they wanted to add additional programs but are unable to do so due to declining funding.

Amy Bond, Director of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library, was present to give Council and update on the library system. Ms. Bond stated public libraries are regulated under the Code of Virginia. The Wise County Library was established in 1957 by two local governing bodies, the City of Norton and Wise County. Dickenson County, Scott County, and Lee County later joined the Wise County Library to form the state's largest multi-jurisdictional Lonesome Pine Regional Library. She advised as a state regulated agency the library is supported by the government. The City of Norton cut library funding 10% each year for the past two years. She asked Council to hold funding at the current level as the library has already cut positions and hours to a minimum. Ms. Bond stated the library is needed, well used, and appreciated by many. She thanked Council for their ongoing support and handed out a new brochure and a copy of their contract to Council.

In their packets, Council had received a request from the Commissioner of the Revenue for a refund to Charles Edward Hylton for 2012 – 2015 erroneously assessed real estate taxes. She advised that the land card contained incorrect information. The total refund request is \$273.08.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a refund to Charles Edward Hylton in the amount of \$273.08 for erroneously assessed real estate taxes due to incorrect information on the land card.

Council had been presented in their packets with A Resolution Proclaiming May 2016 as Foster Care Month in the City of Norton.

Mr. Ramey advised Council that the purpose of the resolution is to bring foster care to the attention of others and to encourage people to continue to be foster care parents.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Proclaiming May 2016 as Foster Care Month in the City of Norton. (Insert)

Mr. Ramey advised Council that City Administration remains pleased with the turnout of participants for the 2016 Norton Business Challenge. He stated the last class included information on business insurance, legal and accounting information to consider when starting a business. Next week the class will be on tourism and the classes are going well.

Councilman Fultz stated that some of the participants are already in a business and want to expand. The number of participants is impressive and it will be exciting to see what develops from the Business Challenge.

Councilman Fawbush stated he appreciated the volunteers that are working to make the Business Challenge successful.

In their packets, Council had one check to be confirmed. The check was to the Norton Industrial Development Authority dated April 25, 2016, in the amount of \$200,000 for reimbursement due to low cash flow.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to confirm the check to the Norton Industrial Development Authority as stated above.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, 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 then read a Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Caruso, Fultz, Fawbush, Mays, Belcher, 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 Norton Industrial Development Authority for a four (4) year term to expire on May 10, 2020.

Councilman Fawbush nominated Byron Cantrell and William Sturgill to be reappointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

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

Mayor Mays declared Byron Cantrell and William Sturgill reappointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a four (4) year term which will expire on May 10, 2020.

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

Mr. Ramey advised Council that the City may have to revise the Fishing Ordinance that was recently updated so that the City's fishing hours will correspond with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF).

City Administration has accepted a proposal to demolish the pool building. Demolition should begin shortly.

The Southwest Virginia Economic Forum has been placed at Council's desks and is scheduled for May 12th at UVA-Wise and he encourages Council to attend if available.

The Business Appreciation Luncheon is co-sponsored by the Norton Industrial Development Authority and is scheduled for May 19th at 11:30 at UVA-Wise.

Mr. Ramey reminded Council if anyone wishes to attend the VML Regional Supper on June 15th in Big Stone Gap or the 2016 VML Conference on October 9th – 11th at Virginia Beach, please advise him so reservations can be made.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

In comments from Council:

Councilman Fultz stated he appreciated those who came and spoke on behalf of the library.

He advised that he threw out the first baseball for Norton Little League Opening Day and that the field was officially renamed the J.T. Caruso Memorial Field.

Councilman Caruso echoed Councilman Fultz's comments about the library and stated the City will do the best it can in funding the library.

Councilman Fawbush echoed Councilman Fultz's and Councilman Caruso's comments regarding the library.

Councilman Fawbush asked City Manager the status of the school budget.

Mr. Ramey advised the City needs to advertise a public hearing but City Council needs a definitive number from the School Board.

After a brief discussion it was the consensus of Council to advertise a public hearing on the budget amount presented by the Norton City School Board.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to advertise a public hearing on the proposed Norton City School Budget of \$9,114,956.

Councilwoman Belcher had no comments.

Mayor Mays had no comments.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

William Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

May 4, 2016

Public Notice

The City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 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 the 2016-2017 Budget of the Norton City Schools which totals \$9,114,956. The Proposed School Budget includes the Operational Fund in the amount of \$8,428,155, of which \$2,634,012 is locally appropriated funds, the Textbook Fund in the amount of \$136,196, of which \$25,562 is locally appropriated funds, the Early Retirement Plan Fund in the amount of \$153,700, the Food Services Fund of \$370,305, and the Capital Projects Fund of \$26,600. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection Monday through Friday between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in the City Manager's Office. All attendance and comments at the meeting are encouraged and welcome.

Fred L. Ramey, Jr.
City Manager

TO THE COALFIELD:

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

**NORTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**

REVENUE BUDGET

| FUND/MAJOR | 2015-2016 ORIGINAL | 2015-2016 AMENDED | 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET | INCREASE (DECREASE) |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
| 18030-REBATES AND REFUNDS | 0.00 | 81,500.00 | 96,127.00 | 96,127.00 |
| 18990-OTHER FUNDS | 13,734.00 | 105,694.00 | 56,750.00 | 43,016.00 |
| 24020-STATE RECEIPTS | 4,964,921.00 | 5,163,946.00 | 5,206,490.00 | 241,569.00 |
| 33020-FEDERAL RECEIPTS | 705,225.00 | 780,144.00 | 434,776.00 | (270,449.00) |
| 51050-LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS OPERATIONS | 1,791,079.00 | 1,841,077.00 | 1,725,569.00 | (65,510.00) |
| 51050-LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS DEBT SERVICE | 509,403.00 | 509,403.00 | 908,443.00 | 399,040.00 |
| GENERAL FUND Total | 7,984,362.00 | 8,481,764.00 | 8,428,155.00 | 443,793.00 |
| TEXTBOOK FUND | | | | |
| 11100-BEGINNING BALANCE | 0.00 | 26,518.00 | 46,665.00 | 46,665.00 |
| 15000-TRANSFERS | 78,419.00 | 78,419.00 | 0.00 | (78,419.00) |
| 18990-OTHER FUNDS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| 24020-STATE RECEIPTS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 63,909.00 | 63,909.00 |
| 51050-LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS OPERATIONS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25,562.00 | 25,562.00 |
| TEXTBOOK FUND Total | 78,419.00 | 104,937.00 | 136,196.00 | 57,777.00 |
| RETIREE HEALTH FUND | | | | |
| 11100-BEGINNING BALANCE | 0.00 | 83,124.00 | 46,000.00 | 46,000.00 |
| 15000-TRANSFERS | 42,500.00 | 42,500.00 | 42,500.00 | 0.00 |
| 18030-REBATES AND REFUNDS | 0.00 | 60,060.00 | 65,100.00 | 65,100.00 |
| 18990-OTHER FUNDS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| RETIREE HEALTH FUND Total | 42,500.00 | 185,684.00 | 153,700.00 | 111,200.00 |
| FOOD SERVICE FUND | | | | |
| 11100-BEGINNING BALANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 16120-BREAKFAST AND LUNCH | 0.00 | 0.00 | 72,170.00 | 72,170.00 |
| 18030-REBATES AND REFUNDS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 288,120.00 | 288,120.00 |
| 18990-OTHER FUNDS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| FOOD SERVICE FUND Total | 0.00 | 0.00 | 370,305.00 | 370,305.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND | | | | |
| 11100-BEGINNING BALANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 26,500.00 | 26,500.00 |
| 18990-OTHER FUNDS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND Total | 0.00 | 0.00 | 26,600.00 | 26,600.00 |
| Grand Total | 8,105,281.00 | 8,772,385.00 | 9,114,956.00 | 1,009,675.00 |

2016-2017 REQUESTED

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| LOCAL APPROPRIATION TOTAL | |
| GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS | 1,725,569.00 |
| GENERAL FUND DEBT SERVICE | 908,443.00 |
| TEXTBOOK FUND OPERATIONS | 25,562.00 |
| TOTAL LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS | 2,659,574.00 |

GENERAL FUND INCREASE OF \$443,793

INCREASE OF BOTH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF \$117,902

INCREASE IN GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES OF \$325,891

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|-------------------|------------|
| SALARY INCREASES | 160,820.00 |
| BENEFIT INCREASES | 70,120.00 |
| NEW POSITIONS | 94,951.00 |
| TOTAL | 325,891.00 |

**NORTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**

EXPENDITURE BUDGET

| Row Labels | 2015-2016 ORIGINAL BUDGET | 2015-2016 AMENDED BUDGET | 2016-2017 PROPOSED | INCREASE (DECREASE) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
| 61100-INSTRUCTIONAL | 4,324,008.00 | 4,398,927.00 | 4,665,990.00 | 341,982.00 |
| 61210-GUIDANCE SERVICES | 130,515.00 | 130,515.00 | 133,273.00 | 2,758.00 |
| 61230-HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION | 13,687.00 | 13,687.00 | 13,687.00 | 0.00 |
| 61310-IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION | 13,316.00 | 13,316.00 | 14,116.00 | 800.00 |
| 61320-MEDIA SERVICES | 128,101.00 | 128,101.00 | 130,684.00 | 2,583.00 |
| 61410-OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL | 532,106.00 | 532,106.00 | 541,005.00 | 8,899.00 |
| 62100-ADMINISTRATION | 487,821.00 | 489,435.00 | 500,221.00 | 12,400.00 |
| 62220-HEALTH SERVICES | 63,084.00 | 63,084.00 | 65,124.00 | 2,040.00 |
| 62230-PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 62240-SPEECH/OT/PT/AUDIOLOGY | 78,300.00 | 78,300.00 | 78,300.00 | 0.00 |
| 63200-PUPIL TRANSPORTATION | 166,784.00 | 166,784.00 | 167,409.00 | 625.00 |
| 64200-BUILDING SERVICES | 689,522.00 | 841,900.00 | 696,322.00 | 6,800.00 |
| 64300-GROUNDS SERVICES | 10,259.00 | 10,259.00 | 10,259.00 | 0.00 |
| 64400-EQUIPMENT SERVICES | 47,181.00 | 47,181.00 | 47,181.00 | 0.00 |
| 65100-SCHOOL FOOD | 256,739.00 | 256,739.00 | 0.00 | -256,739.00 |
| 65500-SWVA PUBLIC ED CONSORTIUM | 0.00 | 81,500.00 | 82,927.00 | 82,927.00 |
| 66100-TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS | 120,919.00 | 120,919.00 | 42,500.00 | -78,419.00 |
| 67100-DEBT SERVICE | 619,798.00 | 619,798.00 | 933,535.00 | 313,737.00 |
| 68000-TECHNOLOGY | 290,222.00 | 477,213.00 | 293,622.00 | 3,400.00 |
| GENERAL FUND Total | 7,984,362.00 | 8,481,764.00 | 8,428,155.00 | 443,793.00 |
| TEXTBOOK FUND | | | | |
| 61100-INSTRUCTIONAL | 78,419.00 | 104,937.00 | 35,000.00 | -43,419.00 |
| 69000-ENDING BALANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 101,196.00 | 101,196.00 |
| TEXTBOOK FUND Total | 78,419.00 | 104,937.00 | 136,196.00 | 57,777.00 |
| RETIREE HEALTH FUND | | | | |
| 61100-RETIREE PAYMENTS | 42,500.00 | 185,684.00 | 123,600.00 | 81,100.00 |
| 69000-ENDING BALANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30,100.00 | 30,100.00 |
| RETIREE HEALTH FUND Total | 42,500.00 | 185,684.00 | 153,700.00 | 111,200.00 |
| FOOD SERVICE FUND | | | | |
| 65100-SCHOOL FOOD | 0.00 | 0.00 | 364,350.00 | 364,350.00 |
| 69000-ENDING BALANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,955.00 | 5,955.00 |
| FOOD SERVICE FUND Total | 0.00 | 0.00 | 370,305.00 | 370,305.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND | | | | |
| 69000-ENDING BALANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 26,600.00 | 26,600.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND Total | 0.00 | 0.00 | 26,600.00 | 26,600.00 |
| Grand Total | 8,105,281.00 | 8,772,385.00 | 9,114,956.00 | 1,009,675.00 |

SCHOOL BOARD

Sherry Adams, Chairperson
Mark Leonard, Vice-Chairperson
Carol Caruso
April Fletcher
Joseph Stallard

*DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT*

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Phone 276.679.2330
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Mr. Fred Ramey
City Manager
The City of Norton, VA

4-12-16

Dear Mr. Ramey,

The Norton City School Board approved the Proposed Budget for 2016-17 at our Regular Meeting last night. The Proposed Budget is a conservative and reasonable request that only funds the minimum needs of our Division. I look forward to presenting the Proposed Budget to City Council on Tuesday. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith Perrigan
Superintendent
Norton City Schools

AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE
PERTAINING TO THE RESERVOIR

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to promote the local economic activity that increased sport fishing may bring about, and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to provide for the introduction of additional species of fish into the reservoir and expand the hours within which fishing is allowed, and

WHEREAS, the City has the opportunity to work with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries ("Department") to manage the fish populations in the reservoir to maximize fishing opportunities for the angling community, and

WHEREAS, by policy of the Department, no local license or permit may be required if a locality wishes to participate in the Department's Fish Management and Stocking Program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Article 20 of the Code of the City of Norton be amended as follows:

1. Article I, Section 20.3. Hours of Use is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The reservoir shall be open for use each day from one (1) hour before sunrise until 12:00 midnight. It shall be unlawful for any person to use the reservoir between 12:00 midnight and one (1) hour before sunrise.

2. Article II, Division 1. Section 20-31. Limits; check-out of catch is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

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 or catfish than is provided by state law. All trout and catfish 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 and catfish, the reservoir is a catch and release fishing area. No fish, except for trout and catfish, may be removed from the reservoir.

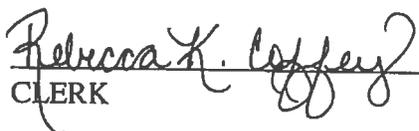
3. Article I, Division 2. License, Section 20-51 is amended by deleting the phrase "this division" from the end of the section and substituting therefore the phrase "state law".
4. Article II, Division 2. License, Sections 20-52 through 20-56 are deleted in their entirety and the section numbers are reserved for future action of Council.
5. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

Adopted: December 1, 2015

CITY OF NORTON


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK

Inter-Office Memo



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager *FR*
CC:
Date: May 12, 2016
Re: Summer Camps

The City's Parks and Recreation Director, Michele Knox, will be at the City Council meeting to provide an overview of the upcoming Summer Camps planned for 2016.

Thank You.



Judy K. Miller
 Commissioner Of The Revenue
 City of Norton

P.O. Box 347
 Norton, Virginia 24273-0347

Phone (276) 679-0031
 Fax (276) 679-3510

Date: May 10, 2016
To: Barbara Muir
 Treasurer, City of Norton
From: Judy K. Miller *JKM*
 Commissioner of the Revenue
Subject: Personal Property

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Reasoning</u> | <u>Refund Amt.</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Kenneth R. Browning | 2015 | Garaged In Washington Co. | 105.26 |

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

Thanks.

cc: Fred Ramey
 City Manager



Judy K. Miller
 Commissioner Of The Revenue
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Date: May 10, 2016
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| <u>Name</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Reasoning</u> | <u>Refund Amt.</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Maichalya Hutchinson | 2015 | Moved to Wise County in 2014 | \$48.70 |

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

Thanks.

cc: Fred Ramey
 City Manager

Invest in yourself, your business dream, and your city Norton Business Challenge - Fact Sheet

The Challenge

The Norton Business Challenge is a competitive process that will award up to \$15,000 in business investment grants and services for new entrepreneurial ventures and existing businesses looking to expand with additional job creation in Norton City Limits.

Sponsored by The City of Norton and Norton IDA, this business training series is an excellent networking and mentorship opportunity. Participants will acquire important skills and receive tools necessary for business success.

At the conclusion of the training sessions participants will submit a written business plan and present their idea to the judges.

The Benefits of Participation

Challengers will have the opportunity to compete for awards packages worth up to \$15,000. Additionally, each participant will develop a deeper understanding of planning for a successful business, be partnered with a mentor and have networking opportunities with other regional entrepreneurs.

Awards

Award packages, including cash for business expenses and valuable business services worth up to \$15,000 will be awarded to qualified winners. Award monies will be given for qualified business expenses once an eligible business is established.

- The awards are non-negotiable & non-transferable.
- Participants must abide by all Awards Guidelines.
- Business proposals will be scored using several criteria – strength of the business plan, experience, match with local needs, etc.
- The decision of the judges is final

Sponsored by

- City of Norton, Virginia
- Norton, Virginia Industrial Development Authority

Coordinating Partners

- People Incorporated of Virginia
- Wise County Chamber of Commerce
- Virginia SBDC
- Holiday Inn of Norton

Regional Initiatives

A number of regional initiatives are a launching point for creating businesses around Southwest Virginia's regional cultural and outdoor assets. Look for ways your business can use these opportunities.

Evening Schedule

| Date | Topic Covered |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| April 7, 2016 | Intro to Success Planning |
| April 14, 2016 | Marketing |
| April 21, 2016 | Cash Flow Planning |
| April 28, 2016 | Operations Planning |
| May 5, 2016 | Customer service and Tourism |
| May 12, 2016 | Presentation Night |

Other Program Requirements

1. To be eligible, you must have a business or business idea that you want to pursue within 1 year
2. To win one of the competitive awards, you will have to locate your business within the city limits of Norton Virginia
3. State, City, County & Town elected officials/representatives are not eligible to participate.
4. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis with preferences going to competitors in the challenge
5. Classes are open to the public, all participants must pre-register
6. The first 20 participants will receive a free Core Four textbook (\$65 value)

Eligible Business Categories

- Arts and Culture
- Outdoor Recreation
- Value Added Agriculture/Agritourism
- Restaurants and Hospitality
- Technology/Advanced Manufacturing
- Support Services for the above

The Region

This challenge is for businesses that are or will be located in **Norton, Virginia City Limits**

Other Opportunities

Participants may qualify for the Virginia Individual Development Account (VIDA) which offers a 2 to 1 match up to \$4,000 towards starting a business.

How to Find out More

Fred Ramey: (276) 679-1160

fredr@nortonva.org

Natasha Snyder: (276)619-2215

nsnyder@peopleinc.net

Register @ www.peopleinc.eventbrite.com

Resolution

WHEREAS, more than 1.4 million Virginians are currently over the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, the population of older Virginians is expected to increase to more than 2.1 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2015, Virginia Adult Protective Services received more than 22,000 reports of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, older and disabled Virginians may be targets for abuse, which can occur in families and communities of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of adult abuse prevention programs that provide vital services to older and disabled Virginians, including a 24-hour hotline at (888) 832-3858, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, home-based and community services, public education, and legal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Adult Abuse Prevention Month offers all Virginians the opportunity to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of people throughout the Commonwealth, to recognize the organizations and individuals who serve them, and to remember victims of adult abuse and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, home to the State Adult Protective Services Division, promotes an integrated vision and streamlined services to help older and disabled Virginians live free of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is committed to providing communities of care and services for those in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council does formally recognize May 2016 as Adult Abuse Prevention Month and call for this observance to the attention of all our citizens in the City of Norton, Virginia.

ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2016.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

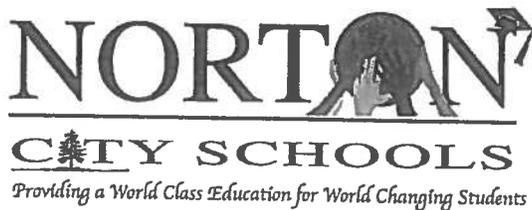
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SUBJECT: Request For Funds

DATE: May 6, 2016

The Norton City Schools requests a deposit of City Funds in the amount of \$100,000 to cover the May Accounts Payable run.

Thank you!