

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and Robert Raines

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Mr. John Litton.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 6, 2004 meeting as presented.

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At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat on Council.

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

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Present at tonight's meeting were Jeff Cochran, Steven McElroy, and Jonathan Broskey of Lane Engineering, who presented Council with an update on the Storm Drainage Project.

Displaying maps covering the areas involved in this project, Mr. Cochran briefly advised Council of the current conditions and what is being planned to be done to upgrade this system and make sure that the water goes into the system.

During the presentation, Mr. Cochran further advised that they will be seeking permits from the Corp of Engineers as well as Norfolk-Southern Railway.

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Following a lengthy discussion, Council was informed that the public meetings will begin next week. The meeting on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> will be for residents and the Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be for business owners. Mr. Cochran further stated that this project is back on schedule with bid documents going out at the end of September, advertisement in November, and receipt of bids at the end of December or January. Construction should begin in February or March and last for a period of one year.

Mr. Cochran answered several questions from members of Council.

Vice Mayor Mays thanked the representatives of Lane Engineering for this update.

Council had been given a copy of A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Department of Transportation Initiate An Urban Highway Project.

Mr. Ward advised that Council, at its last meeting, advised him to approach VDOT to secure an Urban Highway Project to cover the maintenance and rehabilitation work on the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Adoption of this resolution is the first step in this procedure.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – Raines, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of

the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Department of Transportation Initiate An Urban Highway Project. (Insert)

Council had a request for two sewer taps and one water tap in the county. One water and one sewer tap are for Norman D. Jennings at 7922 Hunter Road.

One sewer tap is for JOC Properties LLC and is located at the Esserville Industrial Park.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve two sewer taps and one water tap as specified for Norman Jennings and JOC Properties at locations in the county.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution Authorizing the Lease/Purchase of a New Commercial Garbage Truck.

Mr. Ward advised that the City had advertised for a new garbage truck and the low bid on it came from Mid-Mountain at a price of \$149,908.75. This is for a 2005 Kenworth T800 with a Pak-Mor R225B Rear Load Body.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – Raines, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Lease/Purchase of a New Commercial Garbage Truck. (Insert)

Also discussed during this time was the agreement that the City Attorney needs to sign and the payment schedule.

Mr. Bradshaw advised that he had suggested to the City Manger to contact those involved and to request the modification of the payment date of 7/8/05 to 6/30/05. Mr. Ward has advised that he will do so and that this will put this item in the current fiscal year for which it has been budgeted.

Mr. Ward had supplied Council with an authorization to amend the July 13, 2001 Engineering Agreement with Lane Engineering.

The City Manger advised that this amendment covers the Frog Level Waterline Upgrade and increases the basic engineering fee from \$88,200 to \$91,200 and the estimated cost of additional engineering remains unchanged at \$18,000.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the amended contract with Lane Engineering for the Frog Level Waterline Upgrade, which increases the basic engineering fee \$3,000 from \$88,200 to \$91,200 and the estimated cost of additional engineering remains unchanged at \$18,000.

Council had been presented with copies of two checks to the Norton City Schools. One check is dated July 2, 2004 and is in the amount of \$150,000. The second check is dated July 27, 2004 and is in the amount of \$125,000.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the checks as presented.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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.

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Vice Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseh Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

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Vice Mayor Mays declared Council back in open meeting.

The Clerk then 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 Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – Raines, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that the Laurel Trail Subdivision Project is proceeding and that an update will be presented at the next meeting. He further advised that Council had been given a copy of the 2004-2005 budget at tonight's meeting. He expressed thanks to Jeff Shupe for the preparation of this document.

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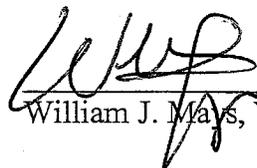
Vice Mayor Mays advised the City Manager that this was a very good and useful document.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that it was very pleasurable to work for the City. He advised that City Council is always prepared on items brought before them and further advised that the City Administration does an excellent job and that the City is well run.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk