

The organizational meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chambers with City Manager Fred L. Ramey, Jr., presiding.

Present: Chris Jones, Stacy Salyers, Robert Fultz, Jr., Mark Caruso and Joseph Fawbush

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager and Interim City Clerk

After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Mr. Ramey stated for the record that each of the newly elected council members provided their documentation of oath administered by the Wise County/City of Norton Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Following a brief explanation of how mayor and vice mayor are chosen by majority council vote and the duties of those positions, the city manager opened the floor for nominations for mayor.

Councilman Caruso nominated Joseph Fawbush to be reappointed as mayor.

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

Mr. Ramey declared Joseph Fawbush reappointed as mayor of the City of Norton.

Mr. Fawbush came forward, was sworn in by the interim clerk, and took his seat on council.

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for vice mayor.

Councilman Fultz nominated Mark Caruso to be reappointed as vice mayor.

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

Mayor Fawbush declared Mark Caruso reappointed as vice mayor of the City of Norton.

Mr. Caruso came forward, was sworn in by the interim clerk, and took his seat on council.

At this time, Councilmen Robert Fultz, Jr., Chris Jones and Stacy Salyers took their seats on council.

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for the appointment of city manager.

Councilman Caruso nominated Fred L. Ramey, Jr., to be reappointed as city manager.

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

Mayor Fawbush declared Fred L. Ramey, Jr., reappointed as city manager

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for the appointment of city clerk.

Councilman Caruso nominated Fred L. Ramey, Jr., to be reappointed as city clerk.

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

Mayor Fawbush declared Fred L. Ramey, Jr., reappointed as city clerk.

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for the appointment of city attorney.

Councilman Fultz nominated Matthew R. Dotson to be appointed as city attorney.

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

Mayor Fawbush declared Matthew R. Dotson appointed as city attorney.

The next agenda item was to set the dates and time of council meetings.

The consensus of council was that the meeting dates and times remain the same – first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chambers.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, to Dispense with the Second Reading of All Ordinances.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, to Dispense with the Second Reading of All Ordinances. (Insert)

Under other organizational matters, Mayor Fawbush explained that roll call used for attendance and voting would be based on seniority and in the following order Jones, Salyers, Fultz, Caruso and Fawbush. The mayor would be the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote.

There being no further business to come before council, and upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Jones, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved the organizational meeting was adjourned.

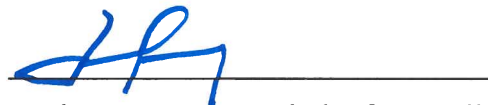
A photo of council was taken following the adjournment of the meeting.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:



Fred L. Ramey, Jr., Clerk of Council