

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in the Municipal Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Mark Caruso, Joseph Hunnicutt, William Mays, Joseph Fawbush, and Terry Roop

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

The invocation was given by Father Tim Drake and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief James Lane.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting as presented.

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Mrs. Joyce Payne, Executive Director and CEO of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce introduced Mr. Rick Colley, her replacement effective March 1, 2013. Mrs. Payne advised Council that Mr. Colley has worked with the Chamber in various positions as well as worked with many activities and will do an excellent job. Mr. Colley briefly spoke to Council advising he was anxious to begin working for the Chamber.

At this time, Mayor Mays asked Mrs. Payne to come forward and Mr. Ramey read a brief biography of her career. The Mayor presented her with a City of Norton Leadership Award for her 29 years of service to the City and citizens of Norton. As all Council members came forward, Vice Mayor Fawbush presented her with a framed print of a night view of the downtown. Mrs. Payne expressed her appreciation for Council's gifts tonight and for the cooperation in working with them throughout the years. Pictures were then taken by the City Manager of Mrs. Payne with Council members.

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Mayor Mays advised Mr. Colley that the City looked forward to working with him.

Councilman Roop congratulated Mrs. Payne on her retirement and advised he appreciated all she had done for the Chamber and the City.

Mr. Ramey advised that during the refinancing of the Norton Elementary School and other City debt, Council asked Davenport and Company to come back at a later date and discuss with them the potential refinancing of the Enterprise Fund Debt.

Kyle Laux of Davenport and Company LLC was present tonight to do so and expressed his appreciation to both the City Manager and Mr. Shupe for providing the figures needed.

Council was presented a detailed handout and Mr. Laux advised the targeted debt was approximately 1.8 million dollars and could be refinanced through the Virginia Resource Authority (VRA). The next deadline for filing an application is February 8, 2013 and there is no cost to submit this application. The City would not be committed to participating in the Pooled Financing by submitting an application. He further advised the only action from Council tonight would be their authorization for this application to be submitted by February 8, 2013.

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Following a lengthy presentation and Mr. Laux's answering questions from Council members, a motion was made by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the submission of an application to be prepared by the City Administration and Davenport and Company to the VRA by the deadline of February 8, 2013.

The City Manager advised that revisions have been made to the Virginia Storm Water Management Regulations. Mr. Winfred Collins, the City's Building Official, was present to go over these with Council via a PowerPoint presentation. He further advised that this is the first of several presentations that will be made to Council regarding this.

Mr. Collins advised that storm water management is mandated by State Code Section 10.1-6033.3 and on the federal level by the Clean Water Act of 1977. He then discussed the erosion and sediment control aspects as well as storm water management aspects for quantity and quality. House Bill 1065 (Integration Bill) states that locality participation is now mandatory for all localities statewide and that the localities will enforce and the State will control the permit via online permitting software.

To summarize, Mr. Collins advised that: 1. The City must adopt a Storm Water Control Ordinance; 2. Must have a trained and certified program administrator; inspector, and plan reviewer; 3. The staffing and budget plan, the ordinance, and certified individuals all must be approved by the State Water Control Board. The time line for the draft ordinance, staffing plan, and budget plan is April 1, 2013. The public outreach and certification of individuals are due prior to July 1, 2014 and finalization of the program is July 1, 2014. Localities will take over storm water management enforcement at this time. The City has applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$13,811 from the Department of Conservation and Recreation which will be used to purchase equipment, software, and provide training during the development of the program. Provisions for professional services are also in the grant funding.

Mr. Collins answered various questions from members of Council and the City Manager advised that a draft ordinance will be brought back to Council. Should there be more questions from Council, they can contact either Mr. Ramey or Mr. Collins.

Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation, dedication, and hard work.

Council had been presented a request for a budget amendment in the amount of \$28,500 for emergency bridge repairs in the Ramsey section of the City. The bridge located on Rose Avenue as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> St., SE Bridge were recognized in the 2012 inspections of City bridges as in need of emergency repairs. This work was done by Elk Knob, Incorporated and was completed in one and one-half days. The work on the Rose Avenue Bridge totaled \$27,500 and the 12<sup>th</sup> St., SE Bridge repairs totaled \$1,000 for a total cost of \$28,500. The City Manager, via a PowerPoint presentation, showed Council the bridges before, during, and after the repairs.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to appropriate a budget amendment in the amount of \$28,500 to cover emergency bridge repairs on locations specified above.

In their packets, Council had a copy of a check to W-L Construction and Paving in the amount of \$182,825.37 to cover the City's annual paving.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Roop, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$182,825.37 to W-L Construction and Paving for the City's annual paving. 25682

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, 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. 25683

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. 25684

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 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) 25685

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 2015.

Councilman Caruso nominated Randy Castle, Bruce Rose, Gary Call, and Danny Holt to be reappointed to this Commission.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 25686

Mayor Mays declared Randy Castle, Bruce Rose, Gary Call, and Danny Holt reappointed to the City of Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 2015.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ramey advised that the annual CIP Meeting will be held on Friday, March 1, 2013 at The Inn at Norton at 10:00 a.m. He asked that council members advise him as soon as possible if they will not be able to attend. 25687

There were no comments from the City Attorney. 25688

In comments from City Council, Councilman Fawbush advised that he has been receiving e-mails from certain groups regarding the Crooked Road Committee Members not being an elected board. These members are appointed by elected boards and therefore they are serving in an official capacity as Commission members. 25689

Mr. Ramey advised that Michelle Jenkins, a representative of Congressman Griffith's office, was in his office Friday. She advised that the Congressman was very supportive of the Crooked Road's effort to pursue National Heritage Area Designation and he will be holding hearings in the future on this.

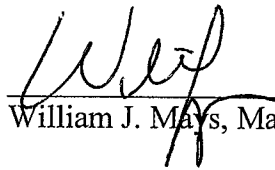
Councilman Caruso stated he would like to commend the City's work forces for the work performed during the snow event over the week-end.

He further stated at the CIP Meeting everything will be on the table and everyone must be justified in their needs and wants from the City. Council must be very frugal with taxpayers' dollars.

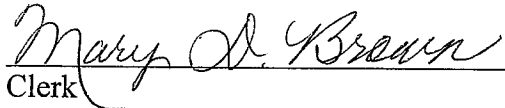
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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William J. Mays, Mayor

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Clerk