

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on January 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Father Tim Drake and was followed by the pledge led by the City Clerk, Mary Brown.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 4, 2011 organizational meeting as presented. 24936

Upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 4, 2011 regular meeting as presented. 24937

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 24938

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending Article II Section 26.1-10 (Words and Phrases); Article IV Section 26.1-31 (Floodplains), Article VII Section 26.1-53 (Enforcement), and Article VIII Section 26.1-61 (Board of Zoning Appeals Generally) of the Norton City Code.

Mr. Ward advised that Winfred Collins, the City's Building Official, was present to give Council a brief synopsis of this ordinance.

During his synopsis via a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Collins advised that the digitizing of the flood plain maps will enhance planning, permitting, and insurance applications. He advised that in August of 2010, the City received a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) advising that the City, along with the other entities located in and including Wise County, had six months in which to update their Floodplain Ordinance. If Council adopts this ordinance tonight, the City of Norton will be the first entity in the County to have done so. He then explained to Council how "grandfathering" would work in this ordinance and answered questions from Council members.

Mr. Ward advised that the Planning Commission had held their public hearing on January 13, 2011 and by a vote of 4-0 forwarded this to Council for adoption. He further advised that Mr. Collins has worked diligently with the City Attorney on this ordinance and it has been approved by FEMA. 24939

At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat. 24940

Mr. Bradshaw, the City Attorney, advised that most changes in this ordinance are definitions.

Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, Mayor Mays closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending Article II Section 26.1-10 (Words and Phrases); Article IV Section 26.1-31 (Floodplains), Article VII Section 26.1-53 (Enforcement), and Article VIII Section 26.1-61 (Board of Zoning Appeals Generally) of the Norton City Code as presented. This ordinance will go into effect February 18, 2011. (Insert)

Mr. Mark Hollyfield, Executive Director of the C-N-W Wastewater Authority was present to give Council a brief update on the proposed expansion of this facility from a 4.0 MGD to a 6.0 MGD. Also present was Bobby Lane, President of The Lane Group, Incorporated, who will give a brief update on the plant expansion.

Mr. Hollyfield, via a PowerPoint presentation, gave Council updated information of the newly constructed Norton Metering Station located in Ramsey and advised he is in hopes that the meter in this station will work for an indefinite amount of time. Council was informed that the State Water Control Board has endorsed this expansion.

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At this time, Mr. Hollyfield advised he would be happy to answer any questions Council may have.

Mr. Lane then spoke briefly to Council advising them of the changes and expansion to the C-N-W facility. Some of these changes include adding a second floor to the Administration Building, work on the two clarifiers and the installation of a new 80' clarifier, and new aerators.

During these updates, Council was advised that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has committed to a twenty year zero percent interest for 11.29 million dollars for this project if their specifications are met.

Mr. Hollyfield thanked Council for their response to his request of advising if they wished to purchase additional capacity should it be available. As of this time, this is the only request he has received. He then advised Council of the next steps that need to be taken to close the loan by December of this year.

Mr. Hollyfield informed Council that the original amount borrowed to establish the C-N-W Authority has less than one year remaining to be paid in full.

Council had no questions for Mr. Hollyfield or Mr. Lane. Mayor Mays thanked both for their reports and advised it was the good fortune of the City to work with both of them.

Mr. Ward advised that Mr. Ramey, the City's Assistant Manager, will speak regarding GIS Updates and Projects and advised that the City is thankful to have individuals such as Mr. Ramey, Mr. Shupe, and Mr. Collins, who are computer oriented, working on the projects that will be discussed tonight.

Some of the projects Mr. Ramey discussed with Council via a PowerPoint presentation were the E-911 GIS Database, Mapping Equipment Software Upgrade, the

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Blending of Wise County 911 Addresses with City 911 Database, the development of Public Safety (Police, Fire, and Rescue) and Meter Handbooks, and GPS Water Meter Locations (inside and outside). He then showed Council members a sample of one of the books that has been prepared for some of the City departments.

Following his presentation, Mr. Ramey advised Council he would be happy to answer any questions they may have.

Mayor Mays advised that Council appreciates the hard work that has been done on GIS projects for the City.

Mr. Ward advised he had met with Dr. Cantrell and Brad Stallard of the Health Department in early December regarding a proposed plan to respond to the risk and control of rabies exposure. Section 3.2-6562.1 of the Code of Virginia requires that the Health Director, in conjunction with the governing body, adopt a plan to control and respond to the risk of rabies exposure to persons and companion animals. He is asking Council to authorize him to enter into a contract with the Wise County Health Department for the above purpose.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Wise County Health Department for the control and response to the risk of rabies exposure to persons and companion animals within the City of Norton.

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

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Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

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

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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).

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Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 2013.

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

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

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Mayor Mays declared Randy Castle, Bruce Rose, Gary Call, and Danny Holt reappointed to the Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 2013.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for appointments to the Southwest Regional 911 Standards Committee.

Councilman Caruso nominated Fred Ramey, Jeff Shupe, and James Lane to be appointed to this Committee.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Mays declared Fred Ramey, Jeff Shupe, and James Lane appointed to the Southwest Regional 911 Standards Committee.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for appointments to the Southwest Virginia EMS Council for a one year term which will expire on January 31, 2012.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated Todd Lagow to be reappointed to this Council.

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

Mayor Mays declared Todd Lagow reappointed to the Southwest Virginia EMS Council for a one year term which will expire on January 31, 2012.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that the General Assembly is in session and all council members should be getting VML bulletins by e-mail.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

In comments from Council, Mr. Caruso expressed thanks and appreciation from his family for the floral arrangement that had been sent to his home following the loss of his father-in-law.

He also expressed appreciation and thanks to City workers who worked so diligently during the last snow event in cleaning the streets.

He also handed out Spearhead Trail pins for each member of Council. These pins are part of the marketing program.

Councilman Roop addressed a comment that came from Mr. Ramey's presentation regarding the requirement of having the 911 address on all dwellings. The City Manager advised that the City Administration would research this and report back to Council.

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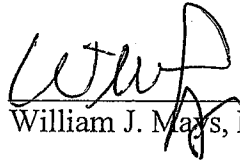
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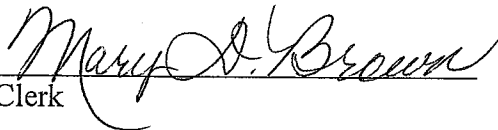
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk