

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Jack Wallace, and William Mays

Absent: Robert Raines and Joseph Fawbush

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the City Attorney.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting as presented. 21977

At this time, Councilman Fawbush took his seat on Council. 21978

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 24, 2008 special called meeting as presented. 21979

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 21980

Ms. Courtney R. H. Berry, Officer of Development of the William King Regional Art Center was present at tonight's meeting and spoke briefly with Council regarding their VanGogh Art Education Program. She advised that all 2nd grade Norton Elementary School students participate in this program. She also gave a brief history of the Art Center. 21981

Vice Mayor Mays thanked Ms. Berry for her presentation.

Council had in their packets a request for funding in support of the 40th Annual Dock Boggs Festival which will be held September 12th-13th in Norton. Council had received a letter from the President of the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Traditions, Bill Jones, requesting a \$1,000 appropriation for the occasion of the 40th anniversary.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the 40th Annual Dock Boggs Festival with said funds to come from Contingency. 21982

Council had been presented with a copy of the audit for the C-N-W Regional Wastewater Authority for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Mr. Ward presented highlights of the audit and advised that the C-N-W has just received this document from their auditor. He further advised that this audit received an unqualified opinion, which represents a clean opinion, and they appear to be in

compliance with all other reporting standards. Their primary funding is from user fees from the three participating municipalities – the City of Norton, the Town of Wise and the Town of Coeburn. Of the total amount of fees received for the year, the City's contribution was \$803,727, which represents 47% of their total revenue and 31.5% of the City's Water & Sewer Budget.

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The balance of the long term debt as of June 30, 2007 was \$3,853,136. The original debt issue in 1989-1990 was \$15,488,020. This debt will be fully retired in 2012.

The City Manager advised Council that should they have any questions regarding this audit, he would have someone from C-N-W or their auditor to answer them.

Mr. Ward gave Council an update on the water reserves. As of July 14th, we had a total capacity of 92.5 million gallons with a loss of 3.5 million gallons in a week's time. Since July 8th, the City has received 2-1/2" of rain. The City started purchasing Wise County PSA water on July 10th.

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Following a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Ward for this information.

Council was presented with a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$400,000.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$400,000.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, 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 Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back in 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 Jack Wallace, 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 City has received confirmation that they have been awarded grants in the amount of two million dollars. One million dollar grant is from the Southern River Enhancement Grant and is for the Benges Branch interceptor sewer line that runs from the Josephine Pump Station to the area of Brownies Café on West Main Avenue. The second

one million dollar grant is for the Phase I of the Josephine Sewer Project. These grants have been awarded; however, the City is not under contract on these projects.

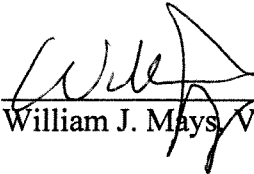
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The City is in receipt of documentation on legislation passed by the General Assembly that went into effect on July 1, 2008. He advised that Council may need to amend some of our ordinances and he will bring this back to Council in August or September. The City Attorney is in the process of reviewing these documents to see what applies to the City.

Mr. Bradshaw advised that the printed handouts are lengthy; however, most of the mandates will not affect the City.

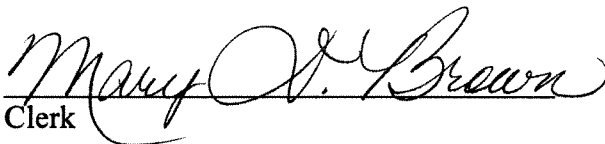
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk