

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt, Robert Raines, and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 1, 2004 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held on the Re-issuance of a Public Dance Hall Permit for the Holiday Inn and the Virginia-Kentucky Opry.

Mr. Ward advised that this is an item that is brought back to the Council on an annual basis as the City Code stipulates that the permits must be renewed annually.

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

Police Chief Sam Mongle spoke briefly to Council advising of the number of calls the Police Department had during the past year. He advised that he had no problem with these permits being renewed.

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There being no further public input, Vice Mayor Mays closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve Public Dance Hall Permits for the Holiday Inn and the Virginia-Kentucky Opry.

Council had been presented with a copy of An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2004 Thru June 30, 2005 Appropriating Funds for all Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

Mr. Ward advised that a public hearing had been held at the last meeting and that there were no rate increases in this budget. He advised Council that the budget included the General Fund Budget, the Water and Sewer Budget, the Social Services Fund, the Norton City Schools Budget, the Storm Drainage Project Budget, and the Laurel Trails Housing Project.

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

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, 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 An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2004 Thru June 30, 2005 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

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Council had been presented with a copy of the 2003-2004 fiscal budget of the Norton Industrial Development Authority. This budget had been approved by NIDA at their June 7th meeting.

Mr. Ward advised that City Council needs to approve NIDA's budget prior to July 1, 2004, as this is a stipulation of NIDA's note with the Powell Valley National Bank dated March of 1994.

This total of this budget is \$1,066,216, and the City Manager gave a brief synopsis on this budget.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the 2003-2004 fiscal budget of the Norton Industrial Development Authority as presented.

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Also, at this time, Mr. Ward asked Council for consensus on the \$5,000 appropriation that is annually made each year to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority. This year, the City would like to redirect these funds to the Vertis Project and to NIDA.

It was the consensus of Council to redirect the \$5,000 to NIDA and the Vertis Project rather than to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Ward briefly discussed this program with Council and advised them of the projects that are scheduled for this upcoming fiscal year.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, 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 Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

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Council was asked to consider an amendment to the 2003-2004 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$19,447.

Mr. Ward advised that this amendment is also a housekeeping item due to the legal expenses incurred with the recent boundary adjustment with Wise County for the Norton Commons Project.

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Mr. Ward would like to have the amount of \$19,447 added to Line Item No. 1204-3021 Legal Fees with these funds to come from unappropriated reserves.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve an amendment to the 2003-2004 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$19,447 with said funds to go to Line Item No. 1204-3021 Legal Fees. These funds are to come from unappropriated reserves.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting as per Section No. 2.2-3711(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended. 20825

Vice Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting. 20826

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) 20827

Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2008.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Jon Rockett to be reappointed to the Planning Commission. 20828

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

Vice Mayor Mays declared Mr. Jon Rockett reappointed to the City of Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2008.

Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Lenowisco Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2008.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Mr. Robert Raines to be reappointed to this Board.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 20829

Vice Mayor Mays declared Mr. Robert Raines reappointed to the Lenowisco Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2008.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that:

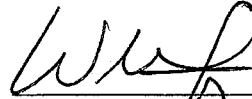
The Best Friend Festival will begin on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 and activities will be held all over town and especially at the Norton City Park on 11th Street.

Also being held this week-end is the 50th Anniversary Celebration of J. I. Burton High School with a large number expected in attendance. 20830

He will be out of town on vacation from June 19 through June 26, 2004.

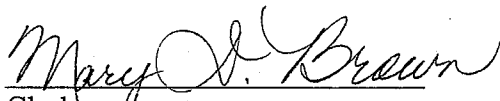
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk