

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 in the Municipal Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., 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 C. Lane.

At this time, Mayor Mays amended the agenda to include under New Business - Item 6.1 – Confirmation of a Rabies Clinic in Conjunction with the LENOWISCO Health District. 25888

Upon a motion by Councilman Roop, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting as presented. 25889

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 25890

The City Manager advised he was in receipt of a letter from the LENOWISCO Health District requesting that the City co-sponsor a rabies clinic on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Virginia's Rabies Awareness Week. 25891

At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat on Council. 25892

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the request from the LENOWISCO Health District to co-sponsor a rabies clinic in the City on September 28, 2013. 25893

The City Manager advised that the Parks and Recreation Department had completed a very busy season of summer programs and asked Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, to come forward and give Council an update on these activities.

Ms. Knox introduced Mr. Mark Salyer, a former Wise County resident, who works with the Appalachian Children's Theatre, who presented a PowerPoint presentation showing some of the activities in which the children had been involved. He advised that the relationship between the City's Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the Norton City Schools, worked beautifully. Mr. Salyer then introduced Jani Purtee, a former engineer, who now teaches in Russell County and who conducted the summer engineering classes. Ms. Purtee also had a PowerPoint presentation and showed several of the activities the children in which the children participated. She further advised that 25894

the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade class made electric guitars and several of the participants were present. Two of these participants, Thomas Cassell and Jacob Blach, played a song on the guitars they had built.

Ms. Purtee thanked Council for the opportunity to bring this information to them and to show what the kids did during these summer classes.

Mr. Salyer advised Council that there is a great potential for grants for next year and he would like to sit down and discuss this with them.

Following these presentations, Ms. Knox presented Council slides and information on the rest of the summer programs such as the Tennis Camp, water slides, Best Friend Festival activities, Fourth of July activities, Ball Sports Camp, and River Works Camp. She advised there were over 1,100 children involved with all of the summer activities.

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Roop advised that he was so pleased with the activities being done for the children and that he was so appreciative of all the work Mr. Salyer, Ms. Purtee, and Ms. Knox had done.

Mr. Ramey advised that next year they hope to have some kind of activity every week.

Mr. Ramey advised that the City was in receipt of a request from Paul Ison of Cat Coal Company, requesting permission to install a Pump and Haul Sewage System for his coal tipple located at 916 Kentucky Ave., NE. He advised that he has been denied a bathhouse waiver request from the Mine Safety and Health Administration who suggested they explore the pump and haul system. They were also denied permission to bore a sewage line under the railroad track from Norfolk Southern Railway. Should this request be granted, they would have a 2,500 gallon tank and would pump 2,000 gallons bi-annually.

Following a discussion during which Mr. Ramey advised in order for the City to grant this type of system, Council would have to adopt a Pump and Haul Ordinance. He further advised that Council should be discretionary in allowing this ordinance to be used in only unique circumstances.

The City Attorney advised that he regularly represents this company and was not aware that this coming before Council until advised by the City Manager. He advised that this system is the only alternative for Cat Coal Company.

Mr. Ramey advised that any ordinance Council may consider will have to be approved by the Health Department.

It was the consensus of Council for the City Manager and City Attorney to work together on an ordinance for Council's review.

Council had been given in their packets a proposed paving list for Council's review and approval.

Mr. Ramey advised that this year paving would be done on smaller sections of streets and work will begin at the top of this list and proceed down until the allocated amount of funds have been spent.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to pave per the proposed paving list presented to them tonight.

Council had before them a check for approval to the Norton Industrial Development Authority in the amount of \$122,004.25.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$122,004.25 made payable to the Norton Industrial Development Authority. 2589

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. 2589  
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. 2589  
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 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) 2590

Mayor Mays advised there was no action taken during closed meeting; however the appointment to the Planning District One Disability Services Board will be taken off the agenda as this is no longer an active board. 2590

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

The Safe Routes to School Project had been advertised this past week-end and a Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> with a bid opening tentatively scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. (This date for the bid opening is subject to change.)

Tax Tickets were mailed from the printers last week and should be delivered early this week. 2590

The work session with the School Board will be held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Topics on the agenda include: Current and future enrollment, school capital projects, Safe Routes to School, and possible preliminary 2014-2015 budget update. He will send a reminder out to council members.

There were no comments from the City Attorney. 2590

In comments from Council, Councilman Fawbush advised he had spent the week-end at Flag A Rock and wanted to commend the Parks and Recreation Department for the great job they area doing. 2590

Councilman Caruso also stated he was in that area over the week-end and everything looked great He stated one sign had been stolen and needed to be replaced.

Mayor Mays congratulated Mr. Ramey on the years of hard work to get to this point on the Safe Route to School Project as he has had to jump a lot of hurdles to get here.


Councilman Caruso asked about the situation with the Forest Service and Mr. Ramey

advised he was still working with them for their temporary relocation to Norton.

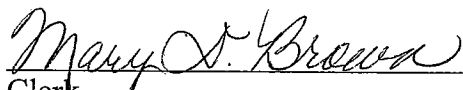
Mr. Ramey advised that the High Knob Tower is expected to be opened by November 15th.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
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William J. Mays, Mayor

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Clerk