

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and Robert Raines

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 of allegiance led by City of Norton Police Captain James Lane.

At this time, Vice Mayor Mays welcomed all those in attendance at tonight's meeting and recognized Wise County Administrator Glen Skinner and Wise County Board of Supervisors' Member, Dana Kilgore.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting as presented.

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

Dr. Terrance Suarez, President of Mountain Empire Community College, was present and gave Council an update of happenings at the College. He discussed several new programs that are being implemented as well as enrollment.

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

There being no questions from Council, Vice Mayor Mays thanked Dr. Suarez for his presentation.

Mr. Dave Wilson of Mattern and Craig gave Council a presentation on the completed City of Norton Comprehensive Sewer Study. He advised that final draft copies will be delivered to the City within the next week.

He discussed the general background of this study giving highlights on the purpose and scope of work that was done, deliverables (which includes mapping, projected flows and interceptor models mapping updates, projected flows, interceptor models, sanitary sewer evaluation survey, and user rate assistance.)

The next topic Mr. Wilson discussed was on report findings which included manhole inspections, smoke testing, and flow monitoring. The last topic was the recommendations of Mattern and Craig which include an enforced sewer ordinance, which should cover private defects and county connections, and the projects that need to be done.

The eighteen projects listed were prioritized with emphasis on the top four. Three of the top four are the Guest River Interceptors and the fourth is the East Park Avenue trunk

line. Mr. Wilson advised that completion of these four projects would remove 105 million gallons of inflow/infiltration annually.

Invited guests present tonight included Mark Hollyfield, Executive Director of the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority, Glen Skinner, Wise County Administrator, and Dana Kilgore, a member of the Wise County Board of Supervisors. All three spoke briefly to Council. Mr. Skinner advised that the County would like to continue to have discussion and dialogue on this situation.

Vice Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Wilson for his presentation and also extended Council's appreciation to Mr. Hollyfield, Mr. Skinner, and Ms. Kilgore for their presence and comments.

Council was in receipt of a request from the Norton City Schools for financial assistance on the Lawson-Fitchko Stadium Project.

Dr. Lee Brannon, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools, was present and gave Council a brief overview of the renovation project for the stadium, which totals \$417,100.00 along with a handout covering the work to be done at the stadium. The contractor selected for this renovation is Ball Construction of Norton.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to advertise a public hearing for the meeting of April 15, 2008 to reappropriate funds for the John I. Burton Stadium Project in the amount of \$417,100 with said funds to come from Unappropriated Reserves.

Vice Mayor Mays thanked Dr. Brannon for tonight's presentation.

Council had received four requests for water taps outside the corporate limits for approval. Three of these applications were for residents of Wells-Adams Road. This line has just recently been increased from a 2" to a 6" line due to funds secured by the City through a grant. These residents are Jessie Wayne Maples, Kathie E. Scott, and Gladys V. Maples. The fourth request is for Raymond A. Stapleton of 5211 Spotswood Road.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve water taps outside the corporate limits for Jessie Wayne Maples, Kathie E. Scott, and Gladys V. Maples of Wells-Adams Road and Raymond A. Stapleton of Spotswood Road.

Council had a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$234,928.05 for approval.

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 \$234,928.05.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph 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.

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.

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)

Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for an appointment to the RADA Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Rebecca Coffey, who has resigned.

Joseph Fawbush nominated Bobby Cassell to be appointed to this Board.

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

Vice Mayor Mays declared Mr. Bobby Cassell appointed to the RADA Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Rebecca Coffey, who has resigned.

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

Several grant applications had been filed this week. One grant was for the Josephine Sewer Project, two small grants filed were for the Craig and Oak Street areas, and another filed was for the Upper Reservoir.

A Request for Proposal was sent out on Auditing and Banking Services.

At the next meeting, public hearings will be held on the Freedom of Worship Church issue and the reappropriation of funds for the Norton City School's Stadium Project along with the School Board presenting their budget. Council will also hold a work session following this meeting on the City's budget.

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

