



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:01 PM in the Council Chambers of Safety Administration Building. Mr. Pelot expressed Council's condolences to the Zita family for the loss of the Mayor's father, Tony Zita.

The meeting was called to order by Scott Pelot, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

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| ROLL CALL: | Jack Gainer                | Also Present:  |
|            | Dennis McGlone (7:05 p.m.) | Ron Messner    |
|            | Dan Karant                 | Robert Fowler  |
|            | Paul Tousley               | Justin Markey  |
|            | Charlotte Whipkey          | Kerry Macomber |
|            | Joe Kernan (excused)       |                |
|            | Scott Pelot                |                |

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-Reports from Standing Committees**

Mr. Pelot formally acknowledged Council's receipt of the January 2018 Budget reports.

Mr. Pelot noted that there was a glitch when we were updating the city website and one of the things that did not get updated was the agenda. There was notification of the date, time and location of the meeting on the website. Therefore, no voting will take place tonight.

Ordinance 12-2018 Mr. Pelot brought this ordinance authorizing the Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with Software Solutions for an upgrade to the City's accounting system, and declaring an emergency. This is an analytical module that will help us forecast for several years in advance, budget will be put together quicker by automating computations for employee salaries. It will also create reports that will be available to Council. This will work with the VIP software, which was brought on line last year. It will be used by the whole Finance Department.

Mr. Pelot moved to add Ordinance 12-2018 tonight's agenda, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call:     Yes:   Pelot, Whipkey, Gainer, McGlone, Karant, Tousley  
                  No:    None

Motion passed: 6-0

Ordinance13-2018 Mr. Pelot brought this ordinance to amend the appropriations for the current expenses of the City of Norton for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018. Mr. Messner noted this is a budgetary item first payment due on the energy efficiency program that was in the original contract. He needs to move funds so payment can be made on March 1, 2018 by

increasing the General Fund. Mr. Tousley remarked that was just the original costs in the agreement and there was no increase. Mr. Messner responded in the affirmative. Mr. McGlone noted that the Exhibit A was erroneously paired with the Ordinance. Mr. Markey will provide the correct Exhibit before the next meeting.

Mr. Pelot moved to add Ordinance 13-2018 tonight's agenda, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call:     Yes:   Pelot, Whipkey, Gainer, McGlone, Karant, Tousley  
              No:    None

Motion passed: 6-0

Resolution 14-2018 Ms. Whipkey brought forward a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for financial assistance through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account, and committing to provide funding for the local share of the project. Charlotte said this is a water line and no sewer – no residents are required to sign up. The project is off of Cleveland Massillon. No residential March 1, 2018.

Ms. Whipkey asked for definition of a public water system. Mr. Fowler said it is licensed by OEPA to distribute water to the residents with criteria for testing, reporting, etc. Norton is part of the Barberton Water System, which is a licensure that the City of Barberton does for the EPA. There are nine public water systems that serve the general public along this interconnect, Akron, Barberton, Wadsworth, etc. The nine include ODOT located at 76 and 21 because they serve more than 25 people. Others include Loyal Oak Tavern, Welches, and businesses that serve more than 25 people.

Mr. Karant indicated there was certain distance that required tie in at locations when a water line went passed your property. Mr. Fowler said it is not a requirement to put a tap in, but we will allow people to tap in as needed. He is trying to plan for the future so that if someone has a problem with their well, it could be used in an emergency.

Mr. Tousley said that this mentions Barberton, Norton, Akron and asked if they are co-applicants? Mr. Fowler said yes and the way the application is written because they get points for interconnectivity. It will give us redundancy. It will be a large enough line so if there is a problem with Barberton Reservoir. It scores very highly with EPA to the project this way.

Ms. Whipkey moved to add Ordinance 14-2018 tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call:     Yes:   Whipkey, Pelot, Gainer, McGlone, Karant, Tousley  
              No:    None

Motion passed: 6-0

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of February 5, 2018 Committee Work Session were approved as submitted.

Minutes of February 5, 2018 Special Council Meeting were approved as submitted.  
Minutes of January 22, 2018 Regular Council Meeting will be held over to the next Regular Council Meeting.

### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Fowler working with improving our communication exterior and social media so they have brought on an Akron University intern who is a Communications major. Nash Heights Sewer update will be on email list serve now that email is transitioned. Nash Heights Sewer will be done in the next 10 days. They will place door hangars on all doors that they are eligible. There is a July 1, 2018 deadline for a reduction in connection fees. The door hangar will list information on where to go for information for packets. Mr. Pelot asked how do we handle rentals. Mr. Fowler said there is a list of home owners that do not reside at that place of residence. They will make contact at the residence and also notification to the owner. Mr. Tousley asked when they will be hung. Mr. Fowler said goals is to get them prepared tomorrow and distributed to 300 homes in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Messner said the Tandem snow plow truck documentation was sent yesterday and we should take possession shortly.

Quarterly Report Summit County Board of Health - Mr. Karant – read the report as submitted and attached in its entirety to these minutes. The report covers topics of influenza, Health Commissioner contract, opiate crisis update. Mr. Pelot had heard that if you have had the flu but did not have a flu shot and it was suggested that you should still receive a flu shot due to another strain. Mr. Karant agreed and discussed a personal experience demonstrating how it is very important for the young and the old that have this vaccine.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

#### **ORD #5-2018**

Mr. McGlone offered Ordinance #5-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 DODGE CHARGER POLICE CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000. First reading only.

#### **ORD #6-2018**

Mr. McGlone offered Ordinance #6-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 DODGE CHARGER POLICE CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000. First reading only.

#### **ORD #7-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ordinance #7-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO SUMMIT COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading only.

**ORD #8-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ordinance #8-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A NATUREWORKS GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading only.

**ORD #9-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ordinance #9-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TUSCORA PARK HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOUNDATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading only.

**ORD #10-2018**

Mr. Tousley offered Ordinance #10-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 258 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO. First reading only.

**RES #11-2018**

Mr. Tousley explained that last week the Council took an informal vote to add Mr. Gainer to the Mad and it was decided to do a formal resolution. Mr. Tousley offered Resolution #11-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACK GAINER AS THE NORTON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE "BARBERTON-NORTON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading only.

**ORD #12-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ordinance #12-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR AN UPGRADE TO THE CITY'S ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading only.

**ORD #13-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ordinance #13-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NORTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading only.

**RES #14-2018**

Ms. Whipkey offered Resolution #14-2018 for first reading and asked the Clerk to read it.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT, AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading only.

**INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

**ORD #3-2018**

Mr. Tousley offered Ordinance #3-2018 for second reading and asked the clerk to read it.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 238 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO. Second reading only.

**ORD #4-2018**

Mr. Tousley offered Ordinance #4-2018 for second reading and asked the clerk to read it.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RESTATE CHAPTER 240 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO. Second reading only.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Pelot announced the next Committee Work Session will be Tuesday, February 20, 2018 due to the Presidents' Day Holiday on February 19, 2018.

**ADJOURN:** There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Scott Pelot, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on February 26, 2018.



Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM**

ORIGINAL SIGNED AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

All Council & Committee Meetings will be held at the Norton Safety Administration Building, unless otherwise noted.

## Summit County Board of Health Report to Norton City Council

From Dan Karant, Representative

1. **Influenza:** This flu season has proven to be worse than anticipated due to a mutation in the prevalent Influenza A virus. Therefore the vaccine match was only about 30% effective. However, the Influenza B virus, which is often more serious and comes later traditionally, has proven to be closer to a 50-60% match. The 10% efficacy reported in the news was from an early estimate based on and Australian reporting system. It has proven to be more effective in the U.S. So, if anyone has not vaccinated against this year's strains, now would be a good time to do so. Seasonable influenza is around with us until about the first week in May. The vaccine takes about two weeks to impart full immunity. The vaccine is not in short supply. Ohio is still in the "Widespread" category of this years surveillance. So are all other states except Hawaii.
2. **Health Commissioner:** The SC BOH did our annual review of the Health Commissioner, Donna Skoda. The board has extended her contract for a five year contract and this year's pay increase was 3%. Donna has done an exemplary job at the helm the past couple of years having taken over for Gene Nixon and assuming control over the entire combined health district of Summit County.
3. **Opiate crisis:** In 2016 deaths due to opiate overdose were around the 300 level for the year. Last year in 2017, that statistic dropped to about 150. There are several possible reasons for this decrease. The use and availability of Naloxone has saved lives. The syringe take back program has reached many users who have sought help from the addiction counselors who hand out the syringes. Multiple programs and facilities aimed at giving help have come to have a greater presence and impact in Summit County. Our hope is that this statistic continues to decrease.