



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 08, 2021**

The Regular Council Meeting was convened on Monday, March 08, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Dennis McGlone, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call:	Jack Gainer	Also Present:
	Scott Pelot	Mayor Zita
	Dan Karant	Justin Markey
	Paul Tousley	Robert Fowler
	Charlotte Whipkey	Kerry Macomber
	Joe Kernan	
	Dennis McGlone	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-Reports from Standing Committees

Mr. McGlone acknowledged receipt of Financial Reports for February 2021.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 22, 2021 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Zita announced that residents with overdue payments for rent or mortgage and utilities, including electric, gas, water and sewer can now apply for financial assistance by going to the website: www.SummitCountyCARES.org or by calling 211. This program assists individuals that have been financially impacted negatively by the COVID 19. Individuals that are 80% of the Low to Moderate Income (LMI) criteria will qualify. Priority will be given to households that are below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), a pregnant occupant, an individual 62 years or older, or a court eviction notice. This is not designated as a first come, first serve basis. The process takes about 15 minutes.

Mr. Fowler discussed the following:

- House Bill (HB) has been introduced that would essentially eliminate the withholding taxes for employers that have employees working from home in a different city. The City of Norton has several employers that fall in this category but Mr. Fowler was not able to give a definitive number or how this would impact the City's finances. The Ohio Municipal League (OML) has requested legislative entities contact their legislator and express their concern with this bill. He believed it was just introduced last week.
- Wooster Road Storm Sewer program will be completed soon and the waterline should start next week. The paving process will then commence and a contract for CTL to observe the project will come to Council before the April meeting. CTL is proposed as GPD designed it.

- Columbia Woods Park walking paths are being installed and the path around the baseball fields should be done soon.
- Eastern Road legislation will be forthcoming Monday regarding the design work, which will help in receiving other grant money.
- The building of the Stage roof in Columbia Woods will be forthcoming and Mr. Fowler encouraged Council to partner with the Kiwanis Club in splitting the expense.
- Barber Road – there will be replacement and new traffic signals put in as part of the resurfacing program and a contract will be forthcoming. Mr. Gainer asked if there was going to be a new light installed and Mr. Fowler responded that is only an ODOT temporary light for the detour which will be removed. The new upgraded lights are at the intersections of Summit/ Clarkmill and Barber Road/ Wadsworth and noted they will have the emergency preemption upgrade. He reminded Council the City has \$650,000 grant money to cover these expenses. There was discussion about the amount of traffic on Barber Road and the difficulty in accessing this road as expressed by residents and businesses alike. Mr. Fowler stated we have argued about the traffic on Barber Road as the last time a traffic study was done was when they were working on I-76 and traffic was slow. The businesses have made it known that there is difficulty accessing them at all hours of the day and they we have asked for that to be considered. Mr. Pelot asked if a traffic study was completed on that area compared to the Wadsworth/Hametown study and Mr. Fowler responded that because we are only replacing existing lights, a traffic study is not necessary.
- City Hall – a change order for approximately \$2,500 will be forthcoming to cover the expense of a second replacement door necessary for safety purposes and décor. Mr. Gainer noted that he has seen the door that is already in and it looks good and is sufficiently insulated.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION - None

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 31-2021

Mr. Kernan offered Ord. No. 31-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW HOLLAND TS6.110 TRACTOR AND BOOM MOWER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$140,230.

Second reading only.

Ord. No. 32-2021

Mr. Gainer offered Ord. No. 32-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS; EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM AD VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES, ALL PURSUANT

TO SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 OF THE REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only. Mr. Gainer noted that this is the TIF for Petit Auto Wash on Krantz Drive and only the improvements will be tax exempt for 30 years. The schools will continue to receive their share, as usual.

Ord. No. 33-2021

Mr. Gainer offered Ord. No. 33-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS; EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM AD VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES, ALL PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 OF THE REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only. Mr. Gainer noted that this TIF is for Petit Auto Wash and the improvements will be exempt from taxation for 30 years. The schools will continue to receive their portion.

Ord. No. 34-2021

Mr. Gainer offered Ord. No. 34-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTON COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THAT AREA; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PETIT AUTO WASH, INC. AND THOMAS J. PETIT AND SHARON L. PETIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only. Mr. Gainer explained this is CRA for Petit Auto Wash Company and described the investment with an estimated \$3.3 million for construction and equipment along with the job creation, which includes retaining 20 full time employees and by 2024 creating, 15 new permanent, full-time positions with a total of \$1,254,000 for payroll in 2024. It is expected to start and be completed in 2021. The City sold the 8 acres of land to Petit for \$160,000.

Ord. No. 23-2021

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. No. 23-2021 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RESTATE CHAPTER 1496 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY AND REPEALING SECTION 660.14 AND CHAPTER 1498 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord. No. 23-2021; seconded by Mr. Kernan. Mr. Pelot noted that this is to adopt the 2018 International Maintenance Property Code (IMPC) and once the Zoning Inspector is certified under the 2021 standards, the update will be adopted.

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

Motion passed: 7-0

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Zita followed up on the letter that was sent to the Governor requesting consideration that police officers qualify for early COVID vaccination and announced that the City's safety forces are now eligible to receive vaccinations, along with mortuary workers and preschool teachers. Also, residents 50 years and older are able to receive vaccinations beginning Thursday, March 11, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McGlone moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment in accordance with ORC §121.22(G)(4) and Section 3.12(4) of the Norton City Charter; seconded by Mr. Karant.

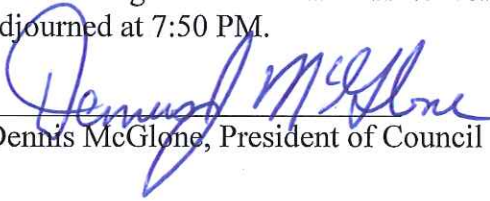
Roll Call: Yes: McGlone, Karant, Gainer, Tousley, Pelot, Whipkey, Kernan
No: None

Motion passed: 7-0

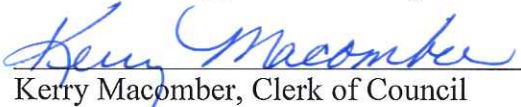
Mr. McGlone invited Mayor Zita, Robert Fowler and Justin Markey to join Council and also announced that no further business would be conducted upon Council's return. Mr. McGlone suspended the Regular Council Meeting at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.


Dennis McGlone, 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 March 22, 2021.


Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

****Note: these minutes are not verbatim****
Original signed and approved minutes are on file with Clerk of Council.