



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**

The Regular Council Meeting was convened on September 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pelot, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

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

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

Lindsey Kuhn, Ohio Auditor of State Award presentation to Ron Messner, Finance Department Director. Ms. Kuhn noted that the Auditor's Office audits about 6000 governmental entities and only a few are eligible for an award for a clean audit and less actually receive it. This is the highest achievement and less than 5% of the entities qualify for this award. Ms. Kuhn read from the award certification letter and noted that this is truly an honor that requires an expert at the helm that understands compliance. This is a combined effort from the entire team working together and thanked the group for being excellent stewards of tax payer dollars to earn the Auditor Award of Distinction. Mr. Messner noted that he is accepting the award on behalf of all of the employees in the city. He noted that the City of Norton has received this twice in four years. Norton is also receiving the Hinkle Report, which measures 17 categories and Norton is perfect in all of them. He thanked the Ohio Auditor's Office and noted that the budget is a difficult task and the Auditors work with them for several months at a time. Mr. Pelot congratulated and thanked Mr. Messner and his Department.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Jim Lino, 5058 Grove Avenue, Norton OH 44203. Mr. Lino has used Interstate 76, both East and West, from Cleveland-Massillon Road and St. Rt 21. He said that he is familiar with the road and that the speed limit is 55 mph. However, he did not see speed limit signs when coming off the ramp and where the pavement looked done. Also, he thought that that when there was usage of the camera it is supposed to be indicated by signs and he has not seen any of those. He does not think there are speed limit signs or signs indicating cameras. Mr. McGlone said that they were removed for paving and the speed limit signs are lying on the ground, but they should be getting them back up. Mr. Kernan said there are speed camera signs on I76 because he has seen them. Mr. Pelot agreed and said they would check it out to make sure it is posted properly.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of August 27, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of Special and Committee Work Session Meeting combined of September 4, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of Committee Work Session Meeting of September 17, 2018 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – Mayor reported Wednesday, October 3, 2018 the Norton Police Department will host from 8 AM – 10 AM Coffee with a Cop at the Community Center. They will be happy to talk with residents about any concerns. The Cider Fest is on Oct 5-7 at Columbia Woods Park. October 27 is the Fireman’s Pancake breakfast 7 AM – 12 noon at the Fire Department and Trick or Treat will be observed from 5 – 7 PM throughout the City. They are encouraging all neighborhoods to participate in that time frame for safety.

Mr. Fowler reported that the culvert on Reimer Road will be replaced this week and the road will be finished. Mr. Markey received clarification from Chief Dalessandro that if you are going westbound on I 76 from Cleveland Massillon Road to Rt 21, there is no photo enforcement for speeding.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS-None**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**Ord #97-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ord #97-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO MAKE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB) FOR A LINE OF CREDIT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Kernan.

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

Motion Passed: 7-0

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord #97-2018, seconded by Mr. Kernan. Mr. Tousley explained that he appreciates the Administration for narrowing this down to a ten-year loan, but he is frustrated by \$1 million being used for sewers that Norton does not own. Therefore, we will not make any profit on this project. The \$500,000 is for roads and there will be nearly \$450,000 of interest paid over the ten year loan. He realizes that we have already paid for land and that we are at a point of no return. So, he will support it but if we weren’t in a pinch, he would not support it. Mr. Pelot noted that there was discussion that this may not require the sewer to be turned over. Mr. Markey will review it again.

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

Motion Passed: 7-0

**Ord #99-2018**

Mr. Tousley offered Ord #99-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE AFSCME SERVICE WORKERS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

**Ord #100-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ord #100-2018 for its first 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.

First Reading Only. Mr. Pelot explained this is setting up a TIF in the city.

**Ord #101-2018**

Mr. Pelot offered Ord #101-2018 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN SUMMIT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS – PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2017-CV-0034, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive second and third readings, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion Passed: 7-0

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord #101-2018, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion Passed: 7-0

**INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

**Ord #95-2018**

Mr. Kernan offered Ord #95- 2018 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF GLAUS, PYLE, SCHOMER, BURNS AND DEHAVEN, INC. AS THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER PURSUANT

TO SECTION 5.06(C) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kernan moved to adopt Ord #95-2018, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

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

Motion Passed: 7-0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. 2019 Road Work Schedule – Mr. Pelot asked Council to provide Administration the names of roads that they wanted reviewed.
- B. Update Matters Referred – Ms. Whipkey asked if the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) needs to be put back on. Mayor Zita indicated that Mr. Fowler will be added as the Administrative appointment; however, if there is anyone in the community that would like to step forward and fill the position, Mr. Fowler will step down. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Markey explained the difference between the TIRC for the CRAs and the Income Tax Review Board is for businesses or residents and is the one Mr. Messner actually responded to before.
- C. DAC Appointment – Mr. Pelot also noted that if anyone would like to fill the resigned position of Mr. Gainer, to let him know.
- D. C1 District – Ms. Whipkey asked about why it was stopping at Trotter. Mr. Fowler noted that he has updated that today to be extended and it will be sent out tomorrow. There will be two more Planning Commission meetings before it comes before Council. Ms. Whipkey noted that both going all the way to the Barberton City limits on both Cleveland-Massillon Road and Greenwich.
- E. Mr. Karant asked about islands that were removed in Nash Heights roadways and the Administration explained that it was done to make better routes for snow plows. Also, there are some missing street signs and he will provide that information to Mr. Fowler. He also questioned the orange signs on Oser about not being a throughway.
- F. Ms. Whipkey requested the latest Gardiner Energy Report.

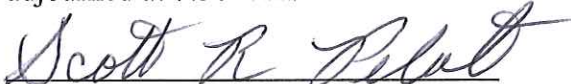
**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Karant said Medication Take Back Day will be on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy.

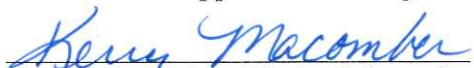
**ADJOURN**

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 October 9, 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.