



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

Roll Call	Rick Rodgers Dennis McGlone Joe Kernan-Excused Dennis Pierson Paul Tousley Scott Pelot-Excused Charlotte Whipkey	Also Present: Mayor Mike Zita Valerie Wax Carr-Excused Ron Messner Justin Markey Karla Richards
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The Regular Council Meeting convened on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Whipkey, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Tousley stated when we approved Ord #79-2016 for the part time fire fighters a few weeks back there was some information that was discussed on the floor but it was not correctly reflected in the Exhibit A. Mr. Tousley stated what was not put in there was the .15 cent raise and a few positions were removed since we no longer have them. Mr. Tousley concurred with Mr. Markey that the new Ord. #84-2016 not only amends the Exhibit A but it completely removes Ord. #79-2016 and Mr. Markey agreed, Mr. Tousley moved to add Ord#84-2016 to the agenda with emergency language, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Whipkey, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson
 No: None

Motion passed 5-2.

Ms. Whipkey acknowledged Council's receipt of the September, 2016 Budget Reports from Finance Director.

Ms. Whipkey discussed the broadcast upgrades and that everyone seemed to be inclined to approve the broadcasting upgrades and since fell short of expectations of anyone else to come forward with proposals that were even close, she moved to add Ord. #85-2016-Budget Appropriations Broadcasting Upgrades to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Tousley.

Roll Call: Yes Whipkey, Tousley, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson,
 No: None

Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Jack Gainer, 3920 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, read a statement regarding Mr. Rodgers complaint to the Ohio Ethics Commission asking for a status update on the complaint and an apology if there was no wrong doing found by the Commission (see attached).

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee Work Session of September 19, 2016 were approved as submitted.
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 26, 2016 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Police Chief Dalessandro discussed the results of a recent grant we applied for back in June for COPS Grant to add an additional full time police officer and cover the total cost for three (3) years. The City of Norton was one of one hundred-eighty four (184) other communities selected nationwide that have received this grant. Mr. Pierson asked after the end of the thirty-six (36) months then we would have to budget for this and Chief Dalessandro concurred. Mr. Pierson asked if we hire from the retired slot and Chief Dalessandro stated that probably next year we will have one officer retiring. Chief Dalessandro stated right now the only requirement is that we hire an additional police officer for 2016. Mr. Pierson asked are there any catches as to who to hire or how we hire? Chief Dalessandro stated he has an active Civil Service listing to pull from which has eight (8) candidates to choose from. Mr. Pierson asked if there is any military stipulation and Chief Dalessandro replied no. Ms. Whipkey asked if this grant also includes healthcare and Chief replied yes it covers all and we do have a local share amount which is roughly \$39,000.00 over the three (3) year period. Mr. Rodgers asked about what this does to his authorized strength numbers now? Chief Dalessandro replied that our authorized strength is sixteen (16) and we are currently at fifteen (15). Mr. Rodgers stated so then even with that retirement within the next three (3) years you would still fall below that number and Chief Dalessandro replied yes. Mr. Pierson asked what is the cost factor on top of the salary for health care? Chief Dalessandro indicated that we were granted just under \$159,000.00 to cover for three (3) years. Mr. Messner replied he did not have this information with him and the health care all depends on the candidate, if they have a family and children, number of dependents, and the plan chosen. It can go anywhere from seven hundred (\$700.00) to eight hundred (\$800.00) a month up to twenty-four (\$2,400.00) a month. Mr. Messner added that AFSCME also has a small package that is minimal in cost at about seventy-six (\$76.00) a month and life insurance is variable. Mr. Pierson stated he believed the life insurance face value from last year was forty-thousand (\$40,000.00) and Mr. Messner concurred. Mr. Rodgers asked Chief about the speed trailer and if this provides adequate data and Chief replied yes. Chief Dalessandro stated this unit provides detailed printout of the lowest speed, the highest speed, traffic count, etc. Mr. Rodgers asked to have a copy of this report relating to St. Rt. 261 as he is concerned with the crossing at Hametown Road, and Chief Dalessandro indicated he would email this report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

ORD #82-2016

Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #82-2016 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1064.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO; APPROVING THE FEES AND COSTS OF THE RENTAL OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only. Mr. Rodgers stated he has received some feedback from the residents regarding the fees and if we should jump so quickly and asked to have more discussion next week in Committee of the Whole. Ms. Whipkey stated she has asked Mr. Messner to write up the fees again and lower the fees to forty-five (\$45.00) an hour for the community center for now. If it's greater than four (4) hours to two-hundred twenty-five (\$225.00) for the Norton residents. As far as the non-residents go; the all-day rental only went up by twenty-five (\$25.00). Ms. Whipkey stated that none of them had the option of renting by the hour which is a savings overall. Ms. Whipkey noted the offset on the hours really does help and we can continue talking about this next week. Mr. Rodgers stated there was also an idea from one resident's suggestion on advertising our local businesses when someone rents one of our facilities. Ms. Whipkey asked if we would change the hourly fees, would this do anything in the legislation and Mr. Markey stated he would need to look into this for next week. If we change the attachment we may want to have that amended. Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Messner if he had done a weighted average of other communities on their rates and if so he would like this information for next week as well. Ms. Whipkey stated the discussion she recalled was that Mr. Messner indicated his survey showed the other communities were still higher than what he was proposing to Council; and Mr. Messner concurred.

***Added during Committee of the Whole**

ORD #84-2016

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #84-2016 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 79-2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tousley moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Whipkey, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson
 No: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Tousley moved to adopt Ord #84-2016, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Whipkey, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson
No: None

Motion passed 5-0.

ORD#85-2016

Ms. Whipkey offered Ord. #85-2016 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, 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey explained this legislation was for the broadcasting upgrade monies. Ms. Whipkey moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Tousley.

Roll Call: Yes: Whipkey, Tousley, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson
No: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Whipkey moved to adopt Ord. #85-2016, seconded by Mr. Tousley.

Roll Call: Yes: Whipkey, Tousley, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson
No: None

Motion passed 5-0. Ms. Whipkey stated this is all that is required for Councils action as the rest can be handled in Administration. Mr. Markey noted that all of the expenses fall under the threshold for the Board of Control. Mr. Tousley asked how soon this get done? Mr. Messner stated that the vendor Mr. Ring is on vacation this week and he was advised that he was the only company that had provided a quote and we had no other competitors. Mr. Messner stated now with Councils approval he needs to get a purchase order and the contract processed. Mr. Messner stated that we were told initially this could take two (2) to three (3) weeks to get it done and he hopes to have a contract started with UStream by November 1, 2016.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

ORD #77-2016

Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #77-2016 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1066.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO; APPROVING THE FEES AND COSTS OF THE RENTAL OF PARK FACILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only.

ORD #80-2016

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #80-2016 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENTS WITH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION AND GARDINER SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF VARIOUS ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Second reading only.

ORD #81-2016

Mr. Rodgers stated this is for the dogs in the parks. Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #81-2016 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1066.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tousley stated he would like the Mayor or the Administration to take a look at the intersection Eastern Road at St. Rt. #585. Mr. Tousley stated he travels this route a lot and at heavy traffic times Eastern Road can be backed up with twenty (20) cars or more. When it's raining and trying to cross four (4) lanes of highway traffic, this can be very dangerous and there was a recent accident just last week in this area. Mayor Zita indicated the Administration would look into this. Mr. Rodgers discussed the improvements on St. Rt. 224 and the widening and the flooding issues this is causing some of the residents. He has heard from these same residents again and they are concerned that it needed to be addressed during this construction. Mr. Rodgers urged the Administration to have Mr. White's input and review to make sure the drainage is correct and that it meets our needs and if it's not then we may need to appeal to the State. Mr. Messner asked if there is a specific area and Mr. Rodgers stated the area that is getting hit the worst is Fairway Drive in Ward 1 which is north of St. Rt. 224, and the heavy rains also affect the Barber Road area.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Zita read several announcements (see attached).

PUBLIC UPDATES-Next Regular Council Meeting is Oct. 24, 2016.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Charlotte Whipkey, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-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 24, 2016.

Karla Richards, CMC-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.

Rec. 10-11-16

Earlier in the summer of this year Councilman Rodgers communicated to the Ohio Ethics commission alleging that "some" members of this city's council and administration had committed certain ethics violations. He published this action via local newspapers.

As far as is known publicly there has been no response from the ethics commission. I think since Mr. Rodgers has made these accusations, he then has an obligation to the public and this city's council and administration to pass the results of the ethics commissions inquiry on to us.

At least he should pass on the status of the inquiries, if not the results. He had no problem writing a letter detailing his accusations to the newspaper, so he should have no problem with equally publicizing the results!

If the Commission has made no determination on their inquiry then fine, however if they have found his accusations to be unfounded or "with" merit either way, then let the public know the results! If they found that these accusations were indeed unfounded, then I think Councilman Rodgers owes the accused an apology! Thank you for your time;

Jack Gainer

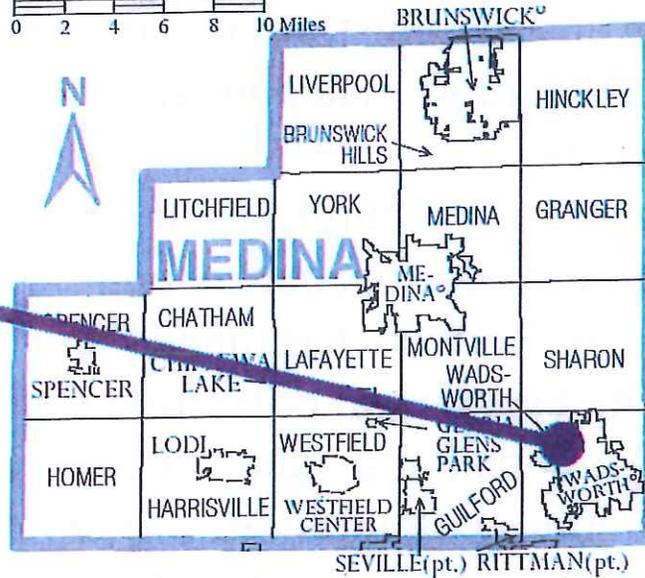
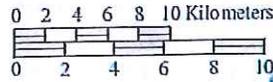
3920 Wads. Rd.

Norton, Ohio 330-687-7047



Purple Light Nights Community Displays

Presented by Battered Women's Shelter www.scmcbws.org



Wadsworth Gazebo
Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st

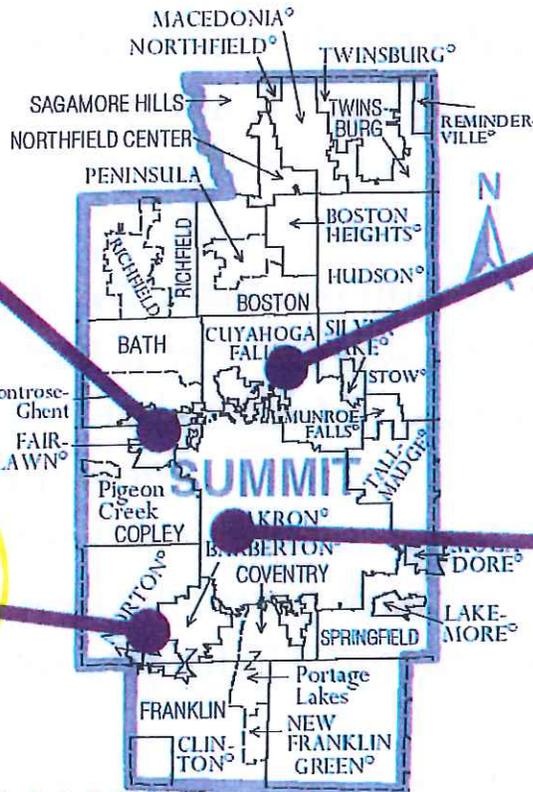
Copley Gazebo
Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st

Norton Columbia Woods Park Gazebo
Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st



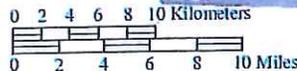
Find all the Purple Purses hidden at the Community Displays at your chance to win a limited edition Kerry Washington designed purse!

Once you find all 5, upload the pictures to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using the hashtag #BWSPurplePurseHunt



Cuyahoga Falls Clock Tower
Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st

Barberton Gazebo
Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On **Saturday, October 29, 2016**, from **7:00am to Noon** the annual **Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** will be held from at the Norton Fire Station at 3380 Greenwich Road.

Then from 5:00pm to 7:00pm the City of Norton will observe **Halloween Trick or Treating** festivities. With Trick or Treating observed on the same day and time in all of our neighborhoods, our safety personnel may concentrate their efforts and resources to help make our children's Halloween celebration enjoyable and safe.





NORTON FIRE & EMS

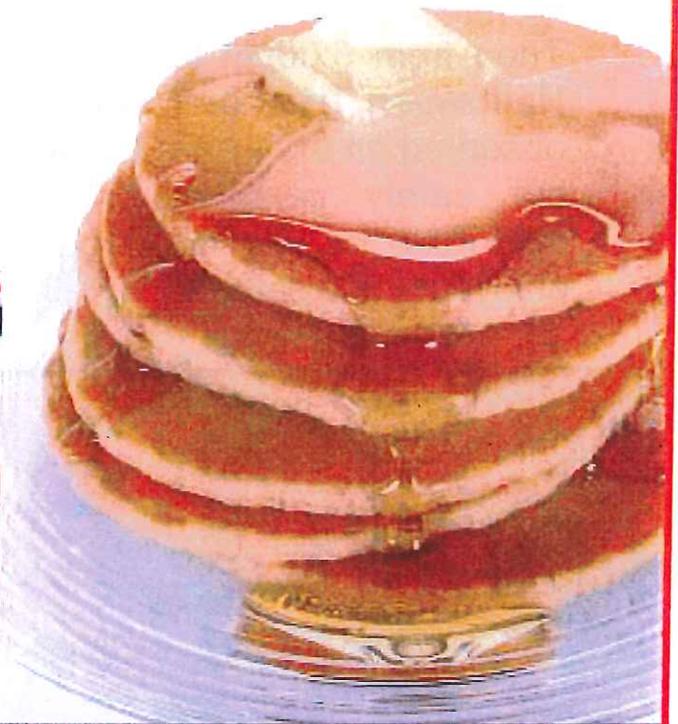
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NORTON WOMEN'S CLUB CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

Saturday, October 22
9:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.



Norton Middle School
3390 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd
Norton, OH 44203

Our Craft & Gift Show and your donation helps area children involved in the following programs here in Norton.
Thank you for your support.

- Shoe Fund
- Food Fund
- Scholarship Program
- Books and a Blanket
- Norton Safety Town
- Holiday Baskets
- Easter Egg Hunt

\$2.00 DONATION

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Questions? (330) 825-4967

Zimbra**annc@cityofnorton.org**

Heroin Awareness Night

From : Brian Brown
<bbrown@graceohio.org>

Tue, Sep 27, 2016 01:59 PM

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Subject : Heroin Awareness Night

To : annc@cityofnorton.org

Heroin Awareness Event

Grace Church

November 15

6-8 PM

→ GRACE BRETHREN

Thank you my friend!!!!!!

330-607-0590

Brian Brown

Give IT Away

Coordinator



330.825.6291

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NORTON BICENTENNIAL 2018

Seeking interested volunteers to form committees for planning celebrations of Norton's Bicentennial year in 2018.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	OTHER OR SPECIAL SKILL

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ADDRESS: _____

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E-MAIL: _____

Please complete and return to:
Norton Bicentennial
4060 Columbia Woods Dr
Norton OH 44203

