



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010**

Roll Call:     Todd Bergstrom  
                  Don Nicolard  
                  Brenda Hlas  
                  Bill Mowery  
                  Ken Braman  
                  Scott Pelot  
                  Mike Zita

Also Present:  
Mayor David Koontz  
Rick Ryland-Excused  
John Moss  
Pete Kostoff  
Karla Richards  
Ann Campbell

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mike Zita, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

There were no reports

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Danko, a Norton resident, discussed the prior comments at the last meeting of forming a road committee to prioritize the roads needing repaired. Mr. Danko stated that was a big farce, when you have the City Engineer, a Road Superintendent and Mr. Ryland. How many more people do you need to tell you how bad the roads are? Mr. Danko stated this is like putting the cart before the horse and if you wait too long the wagon can only hold so much. Mr. Danko expressed his concerns about the catch basins along Brookfield Drive and the kids playing around them. Mr. Danko stated he addressed clearing out the City's portion of the ditch along his property and that he hauled two large loads of trash from there.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 13, 2010 were approved as submitted.  
Minutes of the Committee Work Session of September 20, 2010 were approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Koontz reported that the staff has met with Osborn Engineering regarding the improvements to Newpark Drive. Mayor Koontz stated we are looking to go out for bid in November and begin construction next year. Mayor Koontz reported that the new fire station is moving along as scheduled, and the overhead garage bay doors should be installed soon, and the exit road is now in use. Mayor Koontz reported the sanitary sewer line on Greenwich Road is moving along slowly, mostly due to the varied depth of the lines required. Mayor Koontz stated that the Cider Festival went very well this year, we had a great turn out and thanked all of the staff, Police Dept. Service Dept., Fire Dept., and Council members for their support and hard work for making this a success.

Mr. Kostoff discussed recent discussions with the Zoning Dept. relating to cleaning up older legislation on the adult entertainment and that something should be coming from the Planning Commission as to the non-conforming uses and they would be making a recommendation for Council to consider. Mr. Kostoff stated that at the next work session he would have something for discussion on waiving the tap in fees for sewer connections and he would brief Council at that time.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:**

**ORD #94-2010**

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #94-2010 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NON-BARGAINING SALARY RATES, LONGEVITY COMPENSATION AND WAGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. Mr. Mowery stated this was uncalled for and thought the least we should do is go all three (3) readings. Mr. Mowery stated that most communities and businesses are struggling just to keep the salaries and benefits they have. Mr. Mowery stated that the deep thinkers of the city considering raises at this time, he couldn't justify it to the citizens.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas, Braman, Zita  
Nays: Mowery

Motion passed 6-1.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord. #94-2010, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Mr. Pelot stated that not only do these part-time officers deserve this raise, they put their lives on the line every day just protecting the citizens of this community. At any given when they pull over a vehicle a gun can be pulled on them for no reason, so regardless of what others may think that they don't deserve it, he feels they more than deserve this. Mr. Mowery stated he was not downplaying the importance of the safety forces. Mr. Mowery stated that we should keep in mind that we may be giving out raises this year, may get laid off next year.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas, Braman, Zita  
Nays: Mowery

Motion passed 6-1.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Mowery stated that several years ago when we discussed the road program there was a study done and Mr. Ralph Dowling was involved with that study. Mr. Mowery asked if anyone in the Administration has contacted Mr. Dowling for his input for the current road program committee? Mr. Mowery discussed the Greenwich Road sewer line assessment letters and ask where are we as far as the City sending out an update to the residents? Mr. Mowery stated a resident had contacted him recently stating that they had found a flier in their bushes regarding the assessments. Mayor Koontz stated that we just received the bids and the numbers have not been calculated. Mayor Koontz assured Mr. Mowery that the letter the residents received from the city was an estimate and the next letter they receive from the city would not be found in the bushes; it would be mailed to them. Mr. Mowery discussed a complaint from a resident (Mr. Don Harbart) regarding damages to his newly installed driveway at the cost of \$10,000.00 and asked Mayor Koontz what was the end result with the City. Mayor Koontz replied that due to the extreme heat we had this summer some of the asphalt was seeping back onto the new driveway. Mayor Koontz stated that he thought this had been addressed or resolved and that he would get in touch with Mr. Harbart.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Koontz thanked the following local businesses for their generous donations of materials to our new Norton Police Officers Qualifying Range (see attached). Mayor Koontz made several other announcements (see attached). Mr. Zita reminded Council members of the open house on October 2, 2010 at PPG from 10:00 –2:00 PM.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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Mike Zita, 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 12, 2010.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

**\*\*NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM\*\***

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