



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011**

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

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

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:03 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Scott Pelot, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Mrs. Hlas moved to remove Ord #61-2011 from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Zita. Mrs. Hlas indicated that the Administration needs more time to work with it.

Roll Call: Yeas: Hlas, Zita, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Mowery, Braman, Pelot
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Elaine Tompkins, a Norton resident submitted her comments relating to city expenditures, (see attached).

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting of May 23, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 23, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Committee Work Session of June 6, 2011 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Koontz, Mr. Ryland and Mr. Moss had no reports to offer.

Ms. Neva Gibson, a Norton resident gave a brief report on her recent banquet for the Tree City USA she attended on Norton's behalf. Ms Gibson thanked Mr. Moss, Ted Weinsheimer, and Vern Tenny for all of their help and efforts in preparing the ordinance to establish the Tree City status for the City of Norton. Ms. Gibson discussed the banquet she attended in Conneaut, Ohio recently and that Conneaut has been a Tree City for over 26 years.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CONTINUED:

Ms. Gibson presented Mayor Koontz with its first Tree City award, a flag, and other items. Mayor Koontz thanked Ms. Gibson for attending the banquet and her efforts in obtaining the Tree City status.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

ORD #50-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #50-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1393 AND 1395 GARDNER BOULEVARD FROM B-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT.

First reading only. Mr. Braman noted there would be a Public Hearing at the second reading on June 27, 2011 at 7:15 PM. Mr. Bergstrom asked that Council members review pages #37 to #39 of the Master Plan and that they understand the differences of a B1 to B3 zoning prior to voting on this issue. Mr. Bergstrom asked to have this topic on the agenda for the next Work Session for further discussion.

ORD #51-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #51-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III SECTION 3.06 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

First reading only.

ORD #52-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #52-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.13 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

First reading only.

ORD #53-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #53-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 5.03, SUBSECTION B OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

First reading only.

ORD #54-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #54-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.02, SUBSECTION A OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

First reading only.

ORD #55-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #55-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.03, SUBSECTION A OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

First reading only.

ORD #56-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #56-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.05, SUBSECTION A OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

First reading only.

ORD #57-2011

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #57-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 8.03 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

RES #58-2011

Mr. Nicolard offered Res. #58-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING AN AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

RES #59-2011

Mr. Nicolard offered Res. #59-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MONIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FIRE DIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

ORD #60-2011

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. #60-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LYTLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN CITY STREETS AND/OR PORTIONS THEREOF UNDER THE 2011 STREET REPAIR PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Nicolard spoke briefly regarding Res. #58-2011 and #59-2011 stating that this is a lot more money than we spend on the streets. We did go to the residents for a road levy in the past and it was turned down. Mr. Nicolard noted that if the Fire/EMS levies fail we will have no choice but to go back to the 2006 levels of service, there will be cuts. The station will no longer be manned after 12:00 midnight. Mr. Bergstrom asked Mr. Ryland about the status of Nash Heights engineering. Mr. Ryland replied that we are currently surveying but nothing more at this point.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Nicolard stated that he might be ready to discuss the sanitary sewer connections on St. Route 585 and Wooster Road West at the next Committee Work Session. Mr. Bergstrom stated he has been researching the prior engineering that has been done regarding the capacity in that area. Mr. Mowery commented about the 2011 Road Program and that we have such limited funding for that this year. Mr. Mowery stated that yes the residents may have turned down a previous road levy because they are just tapped out. Mr. Mowery stated it's almost embarrassing to say that this is a road program.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Koontz read a Proclamation for National Nursing Assistants Week, (see attached) in addition to other announcements, (see attached).

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Scott Pelot, 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 July 11, 2011.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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

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