



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2012**

Roll Call: Dennis McGlone
Charlotte Whipkey
Scott Pelot
Bill Mowery
Todd Bergstrom
Ken Braman
Don Nicolard

Also Present:
Mayor Mike Zita
Rick Ryland
John Moss
Pete Kostoff
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Special Council Meeting convened on July 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Don Nicolard, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Mr. Kostoff gave a brief overview of the 800 MHZ radio grant approved by Council Ordinance #101-2010. Mr. Kostoff noted that we would need to hold a Special Council meeting before the end of July to approve the final agreement. It was noted that if this is not implemented by that time, all communities involved are in jeopardy of losing their grant funding.

INTRODUCTIONS OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

RES #53-2012

Mr. Pelot offered Res. #53-2012 for its second and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFOR, SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC AND OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(I) OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Braman. Ms. Whipkey stated she was not in favor of waving period, unless it benefits the residents or something that they want. Ms. Whipkey noted there are a small handful that is in favor of this levy going to the ballot although it will likely be waived on and passed. Ms. Whipkey stated we need to get the correct information out to the media this time and every effort should be made to get the media the correct information. Mr. Mowery stated that expectation is everything. Mr. Mowery commended the Diefendorf and Antoinette families for their dedicated service in the past. When that phone rings, people expected service and now it is up to Administration and Council to see to that. Mr. Mowery discussed how tapped out the residents are and that we have roads in disrepair, water meters they don't want. Mr. Mowery suggested we all do what we can to help Chief Schultz with the budget including help to maybe even having volunteers going down to turn out the lights when unneeded. Mr. Pelot stated that he did not have the confidence he needed one Saturday morning when he needed them and he would be damned not to put this issue back on the ballot. Mr. Pelot stated that there is nothing wrong with giving the residents that choice one more time. Mr. Pelot stated God forbid that you truly need them when you have to make that call some day. Mayor Zita took issue with Mr. Mowery's comments on the solutions, especially when he does not recall Mr. Mowery ever attending a single Firefighters PAC meeting. We hold these meetings every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM and look forward to seeing you there if you want to help. Mr. Nicolard stated some of us just left a PAC meeting before coming to this special meeting. We are not prepared to give up. Mr. Nicolard stated that he realizes that expenses go up in all departments, however before this all started, our Norton Fire Department is one of the best rated in Summit County. We are losing staff members on a daily basis because they have no confidence in this community, and we cannot afford to let that happen. Mr. Nicolard stated that he has attended every single PAC meeting and it is discouraging trying to continue to come up with better ways to educate and convince the residents to support this levy.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Braman, McGlone, Bergstrom, Nicolard
Nays: Whipkey, Mowery

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Res. #53-2012, seconded by Mr. Braman.

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Motion passed 5-2.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Special Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 AM.

Don Nicolard, 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 August 27, 2012.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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