



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012**

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

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

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:04 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. Braman moved to add Ord. #48-2012, #49-2012, #50-2012, #51-2012, #52-2012 to tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. These are concerning notes and turned the discussion over to Mrs. Starosta. Mrs. Starosta stated that these notes would be due before Council returns from summer recess. Ms. Whipkey concurred that these notes are due every year and asked Mrs. Starosta if these are short term notes. Ms. Whipkey then stated the amounts never seem to change. Ms. Starosta stated they are due each year and the amount stated it is not to exceed because that was the maximum amounts and what they were issued at last year.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Braman moved to add Res. #53-2012 to tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. Mr. Braman stated this one relates to the Fire levy for November. Mr. Kostoff stated at the previous meeting you decided to put this to the voters. After the first piece of legislation was approved this second piece of legislation is required, which places this on the ballot. Mr. Nicolard the revenue generated is exactly the same amount as the last round.

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

Motion passed 5-2

Ms. Whipkey discussed a Health Board meeting where the MAD was discussed and it was decided the Health Board would do nothing until Council returns from recess. Ms. Whipkey stated it was also discussed that the minutes of the Health Board would be under the discretion of the Secretary, unless were grammatical errors amendments would not be accepted. Ms. Whipkey stated she has a problem with the Secretary deciding what is or is not pertinent in the minutes, as opposed to a voting member of the Board. Mayor Zita stated the Secretary is responsible for the minutes and if the rest of the Board wants to submit changes or additions, then they would need to vote on it.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

Patricia Reese, 4052 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, discussed the July 7, 2012 edition of the Norton Post where Mr. Nicolard stated he felt the City would be bankrupt in 90 days or may become a township. What's wrong with being a township, this might be a way to resolve our economic problems within the city. Ms. Reese thanked Council for their decision at the July 2, 2012 Committee meeting, it shows that some of you are listening. Ms. Reese threatened Mr. Bergstrom with a recall petition, stating that she only needs 487 signatures, that is 25% of the Ward 1 voters. As determined as you are to continue to push the sewer project through, we are just as determined.

Karen Harley, 3714 Harper Road, Norton, Ohio, asked if this has been going on since 1997 what did you not apply for grants until the two last weeks? Why did you not apply for grants then? Ms. Harley discussed the cost of \$200.00 per linear foot fees, and \$200.00 per parcel and the engineering fees. Ms. Harley asked why are you not doing water lines at the same time you do sewers. It should all be done at once, and it would be over with. Ms. Harley 2.5% rate increase every year, really? We cannot even keep up with the inflation, you need to get real. None of you are thinking of the outcome this will be on the residents.

Mr. Richard Gardner, 4556 Roop Avenue, Norton, asked Mr. Ryland at the last meeting how much money was in the sewer account, which he did not have and stated he would provide that figure tonight. Mr. Ryland stated he would not answer this at a Council meeting, and urged Mr. Gardner to come in to his office and we would pull up that information. Mr. Gardner discussed the income tax credit and the answer on grants. Mr. Gardner discussed potential recalls.

Mr. Del Nelson, 3144 Rosebay Drive, Norton, Ohio, agreed with Ms. Reese's comments and took it a little further. Mr. Nelson threatened Mayor Zita and some members of Council with a recall. Mr. Nelson discussed again the fact that Mr. Moss is an elected official in Wadsworth. How can he work for both cities, because we are not getting our fair amount we are paying for? Mr. Nelson stated that maybe if we get some new people in here we would be better off. Mr. Nelson stated that there would be a recall because you guys can't get it together. Mr. Nelson asked who is Mr. Moss cheating on; the City of Wadsworth or the City of Norton. Mr. Nelson stated you need to set a limit to his credit card, and what about the City vehicle he has?

Mr. Tom Kornas, 3771 Brookside Drive, Norton, Ohio, stated he asked numerous times for full disclosure of all the financial information on when the sewers started. Mr. Kornas also wanted to know where the assessments money comes and goes, when sewer bills get paid where does that money go to? Mr. Kornas stated that you individuals on Council should have full disclosure for every red cent that is paid. Mr. Kornas stated that you have made life miserable for him and many other residents. Mr. Kornas stated since you have made our lives miserable you will find out in the public side how miserable your lives will be. There will be phone calls, emails, texts, personal visits, etc. Mr. Kornas stated he does not know why it took you so long to come out, you were just embarrassed with the photo in the Barberton Herald showing empty chairs. Mr. Kornas stated you all tabled this at the last Committee meeting because you were afraid to move forward. Mr. Kornas stated the recall petitions are ready and we will get every signature we can. Mr. Kornas stated he appreciated the opportunity to come here and speak, and reminded Council they need to earn their respect.

Mrs. Elaine Tompkins, 3848 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Norton, Ohio, read her statements relating to various issues (see attached).

Ms. Audrey Kornacki, 3008 Dutt Road, Norton, Ohio, urged Council to continue to work with the people that elected you to represent us. Ms. Kornacki stated we have too many other issues coming upon us, and we need to keep together, as we are doing now. Ms. Kornacki stated that if you will not work for us we have to do a recall. Ms. Kornacki reminded Mayor Zita that if you put us in that position, they you will have earned the label of defective; that is what a recall means, that is your choice. We don't want to have to leave our homes which we have worked so hard for. Some will be forced to just walk away, then where will you get your money? Have you ever even considered some of this?

Mr. Steve Fannin, Attorney, 2811 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio, stated is tired of attending meetings and seeing all Council members hiding behind the City Administrator. He acts as for you, when he speaks, then you speak. When he violates our trust, then you violate our trust. I'm tired of angry Council members telling us they have exhausted every effort, that they held meetings where we could not attend. They failed to address the heart of the problem that the residents cannot afford this. You are the ones that went door to door asking for our votes, our trust and the responsibility. Mr. Fannin stated he is tired with the lack of solutions here, you cannot see the forest through the trees. Mr. Fannin stated we have not won as reported in the Norton Post; there is not a deal going forward, we have only just begun. We will not falter waiver or stop in our efforts. We will do everything we can to restore the sound fiscal policies to this city, if that means to oppose every piece of legislation that doesn't support it. We will repeal every act we can, whatever it takes; we defeat every politician that opposes us along the way.

Mr. Paul Tousley, 4536 Garrett Drive, Norton, Ohio, acknowledged Mrs. Tompkins as an inspiration to him, she is always here speaking out on issues. Mr. Tousley asked who was responsible for the pink Q & A handout from last week? Mr. Tousley stated that on June 29, 2012 he contacted Mrs. Richards for a copy of the Oath Office and was advised to come into City hall and file the proper paperwork for the request.

Mr. Tousley stated his wife came right in and filed that the very same day and was told that should have it by Monday. Mr. Tousley stated he contacted City Hall and spoke with Ann Campbell and was told we are very busy, we don't have time, etc. and he showed up at the meeting on July 2, 2012 and low and behold, that Oath of Office was in the handouts. This past Friday he did get his request in the mail, one (1) week later, he just wanted the public to know of the dishonesty that's going on. Mr. Tousley discussed the question of can Council reject this and that answer was yes, but they would be violating their Oath of Office. Mr. Tousley asked that any of you on Council that agree with that should immediately step down from office because you violated your Oath of Office. Mr. Tousley stated he does not hold anything against Mayor Zita personally but if Mr. Ryland worked for him he would be fired. He can't give out numbers, information, and when he speaks to the public he is snarkey. Mr. Tousley read the Oath of Office for everyone. Mr. Tousley addressed the Ward 4 representative and stated last Monday there was a vote cast against this. Mr. Tousley stated that he has a recall that many people are willing to help him with. If you change your vote, he would consider that to be dishonest and reason for a recall. If you don't change your vote he can appreciate that. Mr. Tousley asked about the assessment on the fire station, as if we would believe the numbers you would give us to be factual. Mr. Tousley discussed Mr. Ryland stated there is no other solution, and suggested that if someone comes up with a solution before Mr. Ryland does, he should be man enough to leave office.

Mr. Victor Murdock, 4272 Erma Road, Norton, Ohio, stated he is against this whole sewer project. Mr. Murdock discussed the rumors and facts and some of you are not doing your job. Mr. Murdock discussed a pending Federal lawsuit with the City of Norton and Nicolas Metheny that has been going on for nearly two (2) years. Mr. Murdock stated he wants to sit down and talk with the Mayor and suggested a town hall meeting to discuss. Mr. Murdock stated you need to stop this whole sewer thing, and before it's all over your going to wish you had never tried for it.

Mr. Tim Heitic, 962 Wilbur Avenue, Barberton Ohio and the Vice President National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO Barberton, Ohio, spoke regarding a proposal to Congressman Renacci relating to the postal service cutbacks, (see attached). This proposed Bill HR 2309 would cost thousands of jobs. Mr. Heitic asked Council to please consider supporting this issue.

Candidate for State Representative-Michael Kaplan, spoke announcing his candidacy and for District #38, which has recently been redrawn. Mr. Kaplan distributed his campaign literature (see attached). Mr. Kaplan stated he is here to listen, learn and help with the issues you face. Mr. Kaplan stated if he would be elected he would be calling on the Mayor and this Council and would do what he can at the State level on the sewer issues.

State Representative Marilyn Slaby, spoke stated she is here for you and has been working for you. We have been working in writing a grant for the sewer issue, which is for \$5,000,000.00 over eight (8) years. This may take a couple more weeks to work out; we need to find out exactly where the money will be spent. We need to be specific on that and we hope to have this filed within the next few weeks. We will continue to look into other grants in the meantime. Resident asked if this was for sewer and water in Norton, and Mrs. Slaby replied yes.

Mrs. Slaby stated that the EPA to us it is time. It has been pushed back from the 1950's and they will not extend it any more. One resident commented that grant money is not always a great thing because it gives that state federal agency the power to tell you what contractors you can use. The end result is that you may end up paying a lot more with grant money. Mrs. Slaby stated this grant would take care of a great deal of burden the residents would otherwise have to bear. One resident asked about where she received the information about the EPA were the ones requiring this and she replied from the Norton people. Ms. Slaby offered her cards for contact.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 25, 2012; The Clerk of Council noted one correction at the top of page #5 under Roll Call; the motion failed 4-1 it did not pass. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 28, 2012, were approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Zita reported last Thursday we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual car show at Columbia Woods, and nearly doubled the amount of cars. Mayor Zita thanked Mr. Braman for all of his work and the help he did get. Mr. Nicolard also echoed Mayor Zita's comments; it was quite a turn out. Mr. Kostoff noted he received in his mailbox a copy of the Metheny lawsuit and has not had opportunity to review it. Once he has done so, he will concur with the Administration and will respond accordingly. Mr. Kostoff noted there was a reference in the paper to this, however he will not comment, he will provide Council with copies once our response is filed with the Court.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS-None**

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

#### **ORD #48-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Ordinance #48-2012 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$285,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING WATER LINES, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO COMPRISING THE GREENWICH ROAD WATER EXTENSION, PHASE I PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #48-2012, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

#### **ORD #49-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #49-2012 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$195,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #49-2012, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**ORD #50-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #50-2012 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$360,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #50-2012, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**ORD #51-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #51-2012 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS HERETOFORE LEVIED, COSTS OF IMPROVING PARKWAY DRIVE (EAST SIDE ONLY) FROM GARDNER BLVD. TO NORTON AVENUE, HARTZELL DRIVE FROM GARDNER BLVD. TO NORTON AVENUE, LONG DRIVE FROM GARDNER BLVD. TO NORTON AVENUE, AND WILBUR AVENUE FROM GARDNER BLVD. TO TALLWOOD DRIVE BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING A NEW 8 INCH WATERLINE, WHICH WILL REPLACE 5,100-FEET OF 2-INCH WATERLINE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #51-2012, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. Ms. Whipkey clarified that we have already done the west side of Parkway? Mr. Ryland stated that the entire waterlines for Gardner Blvd. Phases I, II and III have been completed. Mr. Mowery asked if this addresses the currently issues we have on Norton Avenue? Mr. Ryland replied no, this is a separate issue and is in the stage of engineering now.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Zita asked for a brief recess to review Ord. #49-2012. After review of the legislation and what was stated in the reading. Mr. Kostoff stated the agenda had a clerical error and would have to be reconsidered later on the agenda.

**ORD #52-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #52-2012 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A FIRE STATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #52-2012, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**RES #53-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Res. #53-2012 for its first reading 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.

This stands as a first reading tonight because there were not enough votes earlier to suspend readings. Mr. Kostoff noted there would need to be a Special Council meeting later on to address this.

Reconsideration of Ord. #49-2012:

Mr. Braman asked the Clerk to re-read Ord. #49-2012:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. Mr. Kostoff stated that body of the ordinance had a different dollar amount and for clerical purposes he preferred that Council reconsider this.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #49-2012, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

### **INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

Mr. Nicolard urged Council to reconsider their vote on ORD #53-2012 in order to avoid a special meeting. Ms. Whipkey and Mr. Mowery stated there is importance of a Special Meeting and both declined. Mr. Mowery stated that you have to do with what you have, you have to make it work. Mr. Mowery asked how much more can you really expect. Mr. Mowery urged Council to really take a hard look. Mayor Zita stated that last Council meeting Mr. Mowery supported putting this on the ballot, this is the second piece, and now you are just holding this up. Mr. Mowery stated he understands this, but we need to take the time to look at it.

### **ORD #42-2012**

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. #42-2012 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BARGAINING UNITS FOR LIEUTENANTS, SERGEANTS AND PATROL OFFICERS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Mowery moved to waive the third reading, these contracts need to be taken care of. Mr. Ryland concurred, seconded by Mr. Braman. Ms. Whipkey stated this would be retroactive along with the next legislation, so they will not lose anything. Mr. Ryland stated there is no pay raise in 2012 and the only thing would be affected is if they pass the Cooper test.

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

Motion passed 5-1.

Mr. Mowery moved to adopt Ord. #42-2012, seconded by Mr. Braman

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

Motion passed 5-1.

**ORD #43-2012**

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. #43-2012 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE OHIO POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BARGAINING UNIT FOR DISPATCHERS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Mowery moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Braman.

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

Motion passed 5-1.

Mr. Mowery moved to adopt Ord. #43-2012, seconded by Mr. Braman.

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

Motion passed 5-1.

**ORD #46-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #46-2012 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY ACCESS CHARGE FOR NEW CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom. Mr. Braman stated this reduces the hook up fees to existing sewers and would be for six (6) months. Ms. Whipkey stated we had discussed approaching Barberton on reducing their fees and questioned the status. Mr. Ryland stated we have not heard anything more, and believes they already passed something last year that may have addressed this issue.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Bergstrom, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Nicolard  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #46-2012, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Bergstrom, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Nicolard  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**ORD #40-2012**

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #40-2012 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 660.14(B)(4) TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #40-2012, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Nicolard, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Bergstrom,  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Mowery stated that he had asked at one of the past Council or Committee meeting about the JEDD agreement and the clause they are charging the Norton residents for the payment of meters. Mr. Mowery asked the Mayor to have someone in Barberton outline why the residents have to pay that. Mr. Ryland stated he has contacted Mr. Stender of Barberton utilities, and he is working on this letter. Mr. Nicolard polled Council as to when they are available for a Special Council meeting, due to conflicts with some members; this will be announced later.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Braman thanked the various local businesses that helped sponsor the Annual Car Show held last week; Rick's Body, Millers Garage, Jim's Garage, Advance Auto Parts, Auto Zone, and Haggerty Insurance. Mr. Braman thanked the following individuals for all of the support and hard work: Ann Campbell, Ron Vargo, Jeff McNaab, Jerry & Cathy Mack, Joann & Denny Braman, and Ted Weinsheimer.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Zita made several announcements, see attached.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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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.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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

All Council & Committee Meetings will be held at the Norton Safety Administration Building, unless otherwise noted.