



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

Roll Call: Dennis McGlone
Charlotte Whipkey
Scott Pelot
Bill Mowery
John Conklin
Todd Bergstrom
Don Nicolard

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

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 7:07 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.

Mayor Zita introduced a group of local Girl Scouts and issued a Proclamation in celebration of 100th Anniversary on March 12, 2012 for Girl Scouts of United States of America.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Tompkins, 3848 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Norton, Ohio, commented about the sewers and the resolution prepared. Mrs. Tompkins raised her concerns with the language stating that this commercial line would be at no expense to property owner, and that no property is required to connect unless agreed by both parties. Mr. Tompkins read her comments relating to finances of Bonds and debt issues (see attached).

Karen Harley, 3432 Harper Avenue, Norton, Ohio, thanked Mr. Conklin for pulling the sewer discussions. Ms. Harley stated that on June 28, 2012 it was stated one grant was applied for that we were told about. Ms. Harley asked for details on how many grants were applied for before assessing the residents? Ms. Harley discussed the previous comments about being “grandfathered in” and that she understood you are forced to tie in and now Mr. Ryland states this is not the case. If this were brought up to everyone in the first place the residents would not be so ticked off. You initially had a construction time line already designated and you made us all feel this would be on our backs no matter what. The costs out there were around \$12,000.00. If you have grant money/stimulus money involved it could be a lot less. All we are asking for is for you to gather the costs before coming out with misinformation. Ms. Harley reiterated what all of us have been stating all along and that is that we can’t afford this. Ms. Harley stated that she has lived here for 14 years and every year their property taxes have gone up, and she has considered moving. We are not the only ones, it’s clear to us this Administration does not listen to the residents, don’t force this issue down our throats. Ms. Harley extended her condolences to the entire City on sudden passing of John Moss.

Bob Krosnick, 4654 Roop, Norton, Ohio, stated that one problem has developed into a few, with the catch basin system on Harper, Garrett, Bliss and they did an excellent job, but when are they going to finish them? They did not seed the lawn, replace the blacktop that they tore up. Mr. Krosnick discussed newer roads in his allotment a few years ago and situation with the water runoff, which is not using the proper drainage pipes. Ms. Krosnick stated two (2) years ago he came to Service Garage and talked with the manager, nothing happened, so he ended up filing a complaint. Last year he had gone down to the Service Garage filed work order and left that on the Road Supt., desk. Mr. Krosnick stated that he called his Councilman and he and Mr. Ryland came out to take a look, and still nothing has happened. Who does he have to talk with in order to get something done about this?

Paul Tousley, 4536 Garrett Drive, Norton, Ohio, spoke about Ms. Wolfe's comments and the meeting at the High School in the past where Mayor Koontz promised us "Don't worry you won't have to tie in until". Mr. Tousley noted the new tone at this Council meeting and was pleased with the movement of public speaking back at the beginning and how important the public comments and their involvement is. Mr. Tousley read part of the Declaration of Independence and a quote from Thomas Jefferson relating to the rights of the people. Mr. Tousley stated that what happened here a few weeks ago was despicable, and he does not condone the outbursts, be he completely understands it. Mr. Tousley discussed the Mayors comments about keeping up with the flow with holding comments at the end, last meeting this all occurred at the end. Mr. Tousley discussed everything being pushed through with emergency votes, and some people cannot get to the meetings each week. Mr. Tousley commented on some of the Council members voting against the public comment issue, which he found to be disturbing. Mr. Tousley thanked Mr. Conklin for not approving that. Mr. Tousley spoke about Mr. Nelson and Mr. Gardner being removed from the last meeting and that both of these men are Veterans, and they should have been given more consideration. This was not right; you have your gavel so use it. If Council President does not like to have public comment, why do you hold the seat? We all pay our amounts to have a City, at least listen to us, give us a little more respect and take the public a little more seriously.

Mr. Victor Murdock, 4272 Reimer Road, Norton, Ohio, said that if you want to keep your part time positions, you need to lay off the sewer issue because these people cannot afford it. Mr. Murdock stated that supposedly this issue was tabled, and now he gets an email that you are talking about it again. Leave it alone, if you have not come up with another way to pay for it then why are you even talking about it? Mr. Murdock stated that he is voting every one of you out of office except for Ms. Whipkey, Mr. Mowery, and Mr. McGlone.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Mr. Conklin asked Mr. Pierson to have all EPA material he has to date to the Clerks office so that he could review before the next Work Session. Mr. Pierson replied yes, he would be happy to as long as you promise to go through it and read with an open mind, and share with he others.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Committee Work Session of September 4, 2012, approved as submitted.
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 4, 2012, approved as submitted.
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2012, approved as submitted

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor issued an Executive Order-Press Release relating to John Moss and the Cider Festival (see attached). Mr. Ryland sated the next week he would be meeting with the representatives from Solar Planet adding that if Council has any questions please forward to him ASAP.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

ORD #80-2012

Mr. Bergstrom offered Ord. #80-2012 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

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ORD #82-2012

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #82-2012 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BARBERTON FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Mowery moved to amend Council Rule 102, seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Ms. Whipkey stated that she always believed anything doing with council should be public. When we first discussed this she was opposed to that from the beginning. Mr. Nicolard stated that he was never opposed to the way we are doing this.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

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New Business:

Election of Vice-President.

Mr. Nicolard called for nominations from the floor and Mr. Conklin nominated Mr. Bergstrom, Mr. Mowery nominated Ms. Whipkey. There being no further nominations Mr. Nicolard closed the floor to further nominations. Mr. Nicolard reminded Council when called upon to state the candidate of their choice. Mr. Pelot questioned why we are repeating this process from two (2)weeks ago and the status of the written ballots. Mr. Kostoff stated that he has determined those ballots to be null and void and since you have amended you Council Rules, you need to repeat this process.

Roll Call:

Mr. McGlone voted for Whipkey
Ms. Whipkey voted for Ms. Whipkey
Mr. Pelot voted for Mr. Bergstrom
Mr. Mowery voted for Ms. Whipkey
Mr. Conklin voted for Mr. Bergstrom
Mr. Bergstrom voted for Mr. Bergstrom
Mr. Nicolard voted for Mr. Bergstrom

With a vote of 4-3 Mr. Bergstrom won the election for Vice President until Councils next Organizational meeting in January 2013.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Zita read several announcements (see attached). Mr. Conklin reminded everyone about the Boy Scout Pancake breakfast this Saturday at the Norton Primary School from 7AM to 12:00 Noon. Mr. Nicolard reminded everyone about the Cider Festival this entire weekend.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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 October 9, 2012.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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

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