



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013**

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

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

The Organizational Meeting of Council convened on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:01 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 prayer.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR 2012

Mr. Nicolard opened the floor to nominations for President of Council. Ms. Whipkey nominated Mr. Nicolard for President. Ms. Whipkey stated that Mr. Nicolard has permitted the public their right to speak more than most and for this reason she would support him. Mr. Nicolard called again for other nominations, there were none and the floor was closed for nominations.

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

Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Nicolard thanked Council for their support for last year and for reelecting him again this year.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR 2012

Mr. Nicolard took the seat as Council President and called for nominations for Vice President of Council. Mr. McGlone nominated Mr. Bergstrom for Council President. Mr. Nicolard called again for any other nominations, there were none and the floor was closed for nominations.

Roll Call for Mr. Bergstrom as Vice President

Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Conklin, Bergstrom, Nicolard
Nays: Whipkey, Mowery

Motion passed 5-2.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Nicolard stated that in light of recent layoffs and the loss of Mr. Moss, he encouraged the Planning and the Economic Development Committees to get involved with the Administration in these areas. Mr. Nicolard stated that as the Chairman of the Finance Committee, he would do everything he can to find the money within our budget to get our carryover balances back up to where they should be at 25%. Mr. Nicolard stated that if we cannot get this carryover balance increased, we do stand a chance for the State of Ohio to come in and take over, to which Mrs. Starosta concurred. Mayor Zita congratulated Mr. Nicolard & Mr. Bergstrom for their elections to President and Vice President, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Organizational Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 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 Monday, January 23, 2012.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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

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