



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014**

The Organizational Meeting of Council convened on Monday, January 2, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Due to lack of a returning Council President or Vice President, the meeting was called to order by Karla Richards, Clerk of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Mrs. Richards asked that we also remember the teenage shooting victims from Barberton on New Year's Eve and their families. The Honorable Judge Dave Fish officially swore into office Rick Rodgers-Ward 1 Council, Danny Grether-Ward 2 Council, Dennis Pierson-Ward 3 Council and Paul Tousley-Ward 4 Council. Mrs. Richards thanked Judge Fish for taking the time to conduct the swearing in of officers and invited everyone to a light reception immediately following to welcome everyone.

Roll Call:	Charlotte Whipkey	Also Present:
	Dennis McGlone-Excused	Mayor Mike Zita
	Scott Pelot	Laura Starosta
	Danny Grether	Justin Markey
	Dennis Pierson	Karla Richards
	Rick Rodgers	Ann Campbell
	Paul Tousley	

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

Mrs. Richards opened the floor to nominations for President Pro Tem, and Mr. Grether nominated Mr. Rodgers. Mrs. Richards called for further nominations, to which there were none.

Roll Call: Yeas: Grether, Rodgers, Pierson, Whipkey, Pelot, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Rodgers took the seat of President Pro Tem and opened the floor to nominations for Vice President Pro Tem, and Mr. Pelot nominated Ms. Whipkey. Mr. Rodgers called for further nominations, to which there were none.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Whipkey, Grether, Pierson, Rodgers, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR 2014**

Mr. Rodgers opened the floor to nominations for President of Council. Ms. Whipkey nominated herself. Mr. McGlone is not present and Mr. Pelot is not interested. Ms Whipkey stated that she felt this spot is reserved for someone currently on Council. Mr. Rodgers called again for further nominations and Mr. Grether nominated Mr. Rodgers because he felt he would like to see some new faces which why he ran for Council. Mr. Rodgers called one last time for any further nominations, which there were none.

Roll Call for the candidate of Councils choice:

Mr. Grether voted for Mr. Rodgers  
Mr. Pierson voted for Mr. Rodgers  
Ms. Whipkey voted for Ms. Whipkey  
Mr. Pelot voted for Ms. Whipkey  
Mr. Rodgers voted for Mr. Rodgers  
Mr. Tousley voted for Mr. Rodgers

Mr. Rodgers was elected as Council President for 2014 by 4-2 vote.

### **ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR 2014**

Mr. Rodgers took the seat as Council President and called for nominations for Vice President of Council. Mr. Grether nominated Ms. Whipkey as Vice President. Mr. Rodgers called for any further nominations, which there were none.

Roll Call for Ms Whipkey as Vice President

Yeas: Grether, Pierson, Pelot, Tousley, Rodgers  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Whipkey

Motion passed 5-1.

### **REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Mr. Rodgers noted that as Mr. Grether had indicated the residents wanted change on Council. Mr. Rodgers stated he hopes this Council brings that change and that it's a good change for both sides. Mr. Rodgers stated want to stop the dissention and the bickering and we want to get us off of the front pages of the local papers. Mr. Rodgers promised he would work with anybody to achieve the needs of Norton. Mr. Rodgers stated he felt he was speaking for all of Council in that we will do the will of the people. We are going to have growth, we are going to have sewers and we will do this in a cost effective manner to the best of the needs of the people.

### **ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Organizational Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM. A light reception to welcome the newly elected Council members was held after adjournment.

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Rick Rodgers, 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 13 2014.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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

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