



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

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

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Rick Rodgers, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Grether noted a correction to tonight's agenda under the Public Hearings, they will actually be for Res. #3-2014, Res #4-2014, Res. #5-2014, Res. #6-2014. Mr. Tousley stated he spoke with a business owner on Cleve-Massillon Road over the weekend about the status of the Cleve-Massillon Road widening project and asked Mayor Zita to elaborate on a time frame. Mayor Zita replied the Norton section will begin in the spring of 2016. It will mostly be separated into three (3) phases. Mr. Pelot reminded the Ward Council members to reply to him with the roads in their wards they feel need addressed. The reason he is asking for your input is because you have the feedback from your constituents and you know what they feel needs to be addressed. Mr. Pelot noted that he has only received feedback from one member so far. We are trying to get this moving to get a road program put together in early March. Mr. Grether moved to waive the second and third readings of the four (4) agricultural renewals for Res. #3-2014, Res. #4-2014, Res. #5-2014, Res. #6-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Mr. Grether noted this is nothing that needs rushed through however these are renewals that we would like to get off of our plate tonight.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Rodgers asked the Mayor about the status of the Old Stone Jail project and noted the original petition started out with just five (5) signatures. Mr. Rodgers asked how this project increased so much? Mayor Zita explained that the original petition was smaller and was increased in order to make it more conducive and closer to the water tower. We have a meeting tomorrow with the Engineer that Mr. Tousley was invited to as well to have some discussion. Mayor Zita stated the original petition was not sufficient for the requirements. Mrs. Starosta added that the original petition form was not properly filled out with the boundaries of the project. There was also a question if enough properties were covered, and there are some properties along Eastern Road that could be involved, increasing the amount of water pressure to some of the businesses in that area.

Mr. Rodgers asked if there is another petition in place and who authorized the increase? Mayor Zita stated a new petition has not been put together which will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow. Mayor Zita stated the Mr. Conklin, former Ward 4 Councilman had started this process, and since has turned that over to Mr. Tousley and he would need to go out with a proper petition and get the signatures needed in the area to be included. Mrs. Starosta stated that we now know all of the parcels that are affected even with extending to the water tower. Mr. Rodgers requested that he and either Mr. McGlone or Mr. Pierson attend that meeting tomorrow with the Engineer. Mayor Zita agreed, stating he would go through the Ward 4 Councilman and whoever he invited would be fine. Mr. Rodgers stated he has a problem with the Engineering firm billing us for a larger study that we did not authorize, and who authorized this expansion when we originally talked about five (5) properties? Mr. Rodgers discussed the list for the skilled games and asked for the status of this. Mayor Zita stated that when the new moratorium was put in place there was a new listing generated. Mr. Rodgers stated he understood when the moratorium was put on there was already a list, and Mayor Zita replied he was not aware of that and Mr. Arters might have it. Mr. Rodgers stated Summit County has extended the funding for demolition of condemned and vacant homes. Mr. Rodgers stated he wanted to have a listing from each ward with the longest standing homes at the top for demolition. Mayor Zita explained the process with Summit County and that more funds might be available. Mayor Zita stated last year it was a dollar for dollar match from the State Attorney General's Office which Council authorized \$10,000 and there is a process and requirements we need to follow on how this gets done. There was also another fund called DTAC for delinquent tax money that was set aside by the County and given to us to use for demolition. This past year we followed their program and requirements and pretty much used up all that we received. Mayor Zita explained that this year he is not sure what exactly is available to us as a community from Summit County and was not sure if it's a dollar per dollar match again or how it's set up. Mr. Rodgers stated he wants to be sure we are fair in each ward in addressing these homes. Ms. Whipkey discussed the Old Stone Jail Project again and asked if we actually have the paid engineer anything so far Mrs. Starosta stated she would have to look into this. Ms. Whipkey asked if we did she wants to know how we approved this to expand the study with Environmental Design when we never really had a correct petition?

PUBLIC HEARINGS-At or about 7:14 PM

At 7:14 PM, Mr. Rodgers temporarily adjourned the Regular Council Meeting to convene the Public hearings for the following applications.

Res #3-2014 A resolution to approve the renewal for placement of farmland located at 5040 Fairland Road, Norton, Ohio, in an agricultural district.

Mr. Rodgers asked the Clerk to certify the legal notice, and Mrs. Richards certified that the legal notice was published in the Barberton Herald on January 30, 2014 and the property owners we notified by certified mail. Mr. Rodgers called three (3) times for anyone in favor for the renewal. Mr. Jim Lino, 5058 Grove Avenue, Norton, Ohio, stated everyday in the papers he sees more and more land going down the tubes. Mr. Lino indicated he was in favor of these districts adding that we may need the food these famers provide, he is supportive of these applicants. Mr. Rodgers called three (3) times for anyone against the renewal, no one came forward.

Res #4-2014 A resolution to approve the renewal for placement of farmland located at 3856 Greenwich Road, Norton, Ohio, in an agricultural district.

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Res #5-2014 A resolution to approve the renewal for placement of farmland located at 3296 Clubside Drive, Norton, Ohio, in an agricultural district.

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Res #6-2014 A resolution to approve the renewal for placement of farmland located at 3456 South Road, Norton, Ohio, in an agricultural district.

Mr. Rodgers asked the Clerk to certify the legal notice, and Mrs. Richards certified that the legal notice was published in the Barberton Herald on January 30, 2014 and the property owners we notified by certified mail. Mr. Rodgers called three (3) times for anyone in favor to come forward, no one came forward, and three (3) times for anyone against the renewal and no one came forward.

At 7:22 PM Mr. Rodgers closed the public hearings and reconvened the Regular Council meeting back into session.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Pat Canfora, 3603 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio, stated we built our business in 1993 and we thought we did everything according to plans, which followed with the approval of the City Engineer and in the mid 90s had a little water in the parking lot once. We then built two (2) more buildings in 2003 and had some water issues with water in the parking lot, but in 2008 we had water go completely through two of three of the buildings. Mr. Canfora stated that Mr. Rozelle had relayed we have been flooded nine (9) times and the flooding is getting worse. Mr. Canfora has repaired the damages in the past and now is being required to use water resistant materials. Mr. Canfora stated he understands the Council knows we have a flooding issue and has concerns with the costs. Mr. Canfora stated that July 10, 2013 really was the turning point and up to that point he was still trying to control the water coming down Van Hyning Run and thought he was doing pretty good until that day, but now he realizes there is no way any landowner or the City has the resources to control this much water. Something has changed since the 1990's to today from the extreme weather and development upstream, however Norton has problems with the creeks and they need to be addressed. One friend has commented to him that when he puts his waders on when he goes into Wolf Creek, it has three feet of silt in it, and a lot of plastic items that act like a dam and it needs cleaned out. Van Hyning Run cannot enter Wolf Creek as Schocolog and Pigeon Creeks have already filled it up. Mr. Canfora stated we have these issues with rain and snow on our minds all of the time. On December 22 we got 88/100's of an inch of rain and Barber Road flooded, which isn't a lot of rain. When Barber Road starts to flood, that's when we begin to worry. Mr. Canfora stated he realizes we do not want to stick our necks out and get our heads cut off on this thing, but something needs to be done. Is anyone working on getting grants from the State or the Federal Government? Is this something that only the Watershed District does or can the City do this on their own?

Is it something that is done after you join the Watershed District? The safety of the citizens must be considered; on July 10th he had to slow to 15 mph on Summit Road due to water flooding the street from ditches overflowing. I-76 had been closed twice in the last ten years. Mr. Canfora asked what are we waiting for, we need to move forward somehow even if we do not want to go with the Watershed. Mr. Tousley asked if all three (3) buildings are located on one property and Mr. Canfora replied, they are on two parcels on a total of about three (3) acres.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 21, 2014 Committee Work Session; Mrs. Richards noted one correction to page #5, line 21, it should be 500,000 members and 35,000 ish, approved as corrected.

Minutes of the January 27, 2014 Regular Council Meeting, Mrs. Richards noted one correction to page 4-Resolution #7-2014; Mr. Grether needs added to the roll call, approved as corrected.

Minutes of the January 30, 2014 Special Council Meeting, approved as submitted

Minutes of the February 3, 2014 Committee Work Session, approved as submitted

Minutes of the February 3, 2014 Special Council Meeting, approved as submitted

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Mayor Zita announced that the twenty-four (24) inch water main break that occurred on Friday evening on Summit Road near Hank's Refrigeration has been repaired. Mayor Zita commented on the excessive snow from this weekend, and that our Service Dept, crews have been doing a great job. Mayor Zita reported about that the Norton Police assisted with a local manhunt for a burglary suspect, who is now in the Summit County Jail.

Mrs. Starosta and Mr. Markey had no reports.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

ORD #11-2014

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #11-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING NEW MATTER IN THE THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tousley moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tousley moved to adopt Ord. #11-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

RES #12-2014:

Mr. Grether offered Res. #12-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4117 GREENWICH ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #13-2014:

Mr. Grether offered res. #13-2014 for its first reading and asked the clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4903 HAMETOWN ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #14-2014:

Mr. Grether offered Res #14-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4359 JOHNSON ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #15-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #15-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4044 SUMMIT ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #16-2014

Mr. Pierson offered Res. #16-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF NORTON, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO, TO REIMBURSE ITS NASH HEIGHTS EAST FUND 508 FOR THE NASH HEIGHTS EAST SANITARY SEWERS PROJECT, PROJECT NO. CH10Q, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

First Reading only.

ORD #17-2014

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #17-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE NASH HEIGHTS EAST SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.

First Reading only. Mr. Rodgers indicated that Mrs. Starosta expressed her concerns with possibly waiving readings on this. Mr. Rodgers stated that this in no way is a commitment to move forward, it's just to get the funds in place for that project. Mr. Rodgers moved to waive the second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Pierson

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Rodgers moved to adopt Ord. #17-2014, seconded by Mr. Pierson.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

RES #3-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #3-2014 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 5040 FAIRLAND ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Grether moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Res. #3-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

RES #4-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #4-2014 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 3856 GREENWICH ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Grether moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Res. #4-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

RES #5-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #5-2014 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND
LOCATED AT 3296 CLUBSIDE DRIVE IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Grether moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Res. #5-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

RES#6-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #6-2014 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF
FARMLAND LOCATED AT 3456 SOUTH HAMETOWN ROAD IN AN
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

Mr. Grether moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Res. #6-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

RES #8-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #8-2014 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF WOLF CREEK WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (WCWCD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only.

ORD #9-2014

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #9-2014 for its second reading only and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTIONS.

Second reading only.

ORD #1-2014

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #1-2014 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CROYDON ROAD, HIGGINS DRIVE, RANGELY ROAD, EASTON ROAD, BROOKSIDE DRIVE, CLUBVIEW DRIVE, BROOKSIDE COURT AND CERTAIN OTHER PARCELS BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NASH HEIGHTS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – EAST PHASE PROJECT.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Ord. #1-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #2-2014

Mr. Tousley offered ord. #2-2014 for its third reading and asked the clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 288 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE OF NORTON, OHIO.

Mr. Tousley moved to adopt Ord. #2-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Ms. Whipkey asked if the Norton Health Advisory Board will need to have one more meeting to approve minutes from their last meeting? Mayor Zita replied yes and they have one more meeting so there will be more minutes from that meeting as well. Mayor Zita stated he would need to concur with the Law Director, but he felt there is going to be one set of the final minutes that won't get approved. Ms. Whipkey noted she thought there was a meeting scheduled for sometime next week. Mayor Zita stated we tentatively scheduled one just for that purpose. Mr. Tousley clarified this would be for the purpose to dissolve the Norton Health Advisory Board.

Roll Call: Yeas: Tousley, Whipkey, Pelot, Grether, Pierson, Rodgers
Nays: Nays

Motion passed 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Starosta noted at the last work session Council did call for legislation for the State Auditors agreement and wanted to be sure that is on the next Council agenda. Mr. Rodgers asked Mrs. Richards to make sure that was on the next agenda. Mr. Pierson asked Mayor Zita for a report on the breakdown for the total costs of the live streaming and if we have that number? Mayor Zita replied has does not have that number. Mr. Grether thanked the Service Department for their work over the weekend, and that some resident's issues were handled very promptly, and he appreciated that. Mr. Grether asked about the Watershed District and Mr. Canfora's concerns. Mr. Grether noted these flooding issues are growing increasingly worse as the years go by. There is a broad understanding that the development north of us has been contributing to what we are receiving. Mr. Grether indicated he was approached by some local businesses owners asking if there was something we could do locally that they could support. Mr. Grether suggested dredging the creeks, which he believes is a higher authority in government other than us from his knowledge of riparian areas and discourages anyone from taking measures out on their own. Mr. Grether stated the flooding issue is much larger than what this City can handle on its own. Mr. Grether stated one thing he always supported is regionalization; whether its garbage collection, dispatch services, etc., and this flooding issue is a good example of that. Mr. Grether stated he is doing some of his own research and talking with what he considers to be experts in the area. Ms. Whipkey stated it's been a long time since we have heard anything from the CIC and wondered what the status is of the CIC. Ms. Whipkey also noted that Mr. Ryland was part of the CIC. Mayor Zita stated that due to lack of activity this was dissolved by the State of Ohio, and that he believes we received something from the State on that. Ms. Whipkey noted the other members of the CIC were Mayor Zita, Mr. Moss, Council President Nicolard, Mr. Karant, and Mr. Huff. Ms. Whipkey asked Mr. Markey for documentation on that fact. Mr. Markey stated the Secretary of State can dissolve this if there is no annual report filed, and he would look into that and report back to Council. Mr. Markey noted that if we decided there was a need for the Corporation in the future that the City could apply to have it reinstated. Mr. Grether questioned if we ever transferred deeds of City property to the CIC, and Mayor Zita replied that in the existence of the CIC he did not believe we transferred anything. Ms. Whipkey noted when she was inquiring about the food truck vendors earlier this year wanting to come over to the old fire department location, she was told at that point the City had not given the CIC anything and the City still owns that property. Mr. Rodgers asked if any actions were ever taken by the CIC and Mayor Zita replied we would have had to put money into it but he believed nothing ever transpired. Mr. Rodgers stated at the next Work Session he would be moving to take action to reconsider the Ord. #115-2013 for the Storm Water Management with Summit County. Mr. Rodgers indicated he has had more conversations with Mr. Ryan Pruett and he has assured him about the County's focus. He has looked into this with other private agencies and he had concerns with not having a larger agency, such as the County. Mr. Rodgers discussed the Shellhart Waterline and one resident he spoke with indicated his well was fine but he wants to go along with his other neighbors. This resident indicated there are more residents on Greenridge Road that are also interested and questioned if we should be looking at this more. Mr. Rodgers suggested we have a town hall meeting for that ward to discuss this in more detail and find out if there is more interest. Mr. Pelot explained he has received a list of names and addresses of some of those residents along Durham and Fair Oaks area.

Those residents want to see what happens with this petition process before moving forward with it. Potentially we could be looking at going down Shellhart Road to Fair Oaks Drive then up Greenridge Road to Durham Road. Mr. Pelot stated this \$11,000.00 estimated assessment figure is extremely high and way over what it was in 2008 when that water line went in (Cleveland-Massillon Road and Greenridge Road). Mr. Pelot stated although we had matching grant money, even if you took the residents recently assessed for their water line even at double their costs; your only talking roughly \$6,000.00 per home which is still less than the \$11,000.00. Something has to be amiss here and maybe we need someone else taking a look at this, we are talking about 550 feet here. For this estimate you are talking about \$200.00 per linear foot for an eight (8) inch water line with three fire hydrants and it just doesn't make any sense. Mr. Pelot noted the people he has talked to live on Shellhart Road, Greenridge Road and Fair Oaks Drive, and at this price they are not willing to go forward with it. However, if it comes down to something more reasonable they might be interested. There was discussion of possibly adding these other residents to the initial petition however. Ms. Whipkey asked if they would be willing to do a petition themselves as that would be the only way we could come up with a plan as far as the cost goes. Ms. Whipkey questioned if we can legally combine these two lists or petition into one and come up with a better price for everyone? Mr. Pelot stated if the price comes down to something more reasonable for the original petitioners, then he would propose a new petition with those residents as it's only about ten (10) homes. Mr. Pelot indicated that getting more signatures shouldn't be an issue. We need to look at those figures again and see if we over estimated or if we miscalculated somewhere. Mr. Rodgers state he would like to see if others would sign on and what our new City Administrator has to say on this and there are other contractors we could go with that can do the entire project, rather than going with the Engineer. Mayor Zita noted at the last meeting this was tabled until all Council were present for the discussions. Mr. Grether stated this would be on the agenda for next week. Ms. Whipkey discussed some Charter amendments for the next work session. Mr. Rodgers indicated that one is to eliminate the residency requirement for the Administrative Officer. In discussion we felt we are limiting ourselves with the requirement to move into the City within six (6) months. Ms. Whipkey stated if we want to get this on the May Primary we need legislation to the Board of Elections on March 7, 2014, unless you want to do a special or wait until November. Mayor Zita noted this position is the only non-elected position that is still under the umbrella of a residency requirement. Mr. Rodgers also noted that residency requirement was struck down by the Ohio Supreme Court. Mr. Grether noted that a lot of the people wanted us to go outside of the community to break up the same names re-circulating for positions. Mr. Rodgers noted another Charter amendment for next week is the makeup of the Board of Control. Right now that Board also includes the Finance Director and City Manager. In discussion among a few of us, this is the people's money and the decisions should come from elected officials under the advisement of the Finance Director and the City Manager. Mr. Rodgers noted that within the larger forms of government, such as the Ways and Means Committees, they are all elected officials, and there is accountability there because we have to answer to all of you. Ms. Whipkey discussed Charter Section 5.03 and that the competitive bidding being previously removed from the Charter, and every time we have a contract go out we have to follow State law which is currently at \$50,000.00 before it goes for competitive bidding. Ms. Whipkey stated we would like to see this lowered, as well as looking at including lower amounts not requiring bidding to come before Council, which will make us much more transparent and accountable to the people with our money. We as a Council will have to pay closer attention to how your money is going to be spent.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Zita made several announcements, see attached.

NEW BUSINESS-Executive Session

At 8:15 PM Mr. Rodgers temporarily adjourned the Regular Council Meeting in order to convene the Executive session, seconded by Mr. Grether, for the purpose to discuss pending litigation issues as defined in ORC 121.11(G)(4) and Section 3.12 of the Norton City Charter. Mr. Rodgers noted there would be no action taken by Council and Council would return only to adjourn. Mr. Rodgers invited Mayor Zita and Mr. Markey to also attend. Mr. Dave Spice-Akron Beacon Journal reporter asked if he and any other members of the press could attend and Mr. Rodgers replied no.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to address, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM

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 February 24, 2014.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM

****ORIGINAL SIGNED AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL.****

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

Norton Kiwanis 12th Annual Chili Cook off



Saturday February 15, 2014
Norton Community Center

Chili entry fee: \$6.00

Drop off chili entries from 2:00 - 3:00

On the day of the event

ALL CONTESTANTS INVITED!!!!!!

Categories: BEST HOTTEST, BEST MILD,
PEOPLE'S CHOICE, BEST COMMERCIAL

GET YOUR ENTRY FORM TODAY BY CALLING ED @ 330-819-5658

RAFFLE BASKETS & 50 / 50



Dinner served from 4:00 to 7:00

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Adults \$6.00

Children: (6 & under): Free!

Net proceeds benefit Norton High School Scholarships



Mayor Mike Zita

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

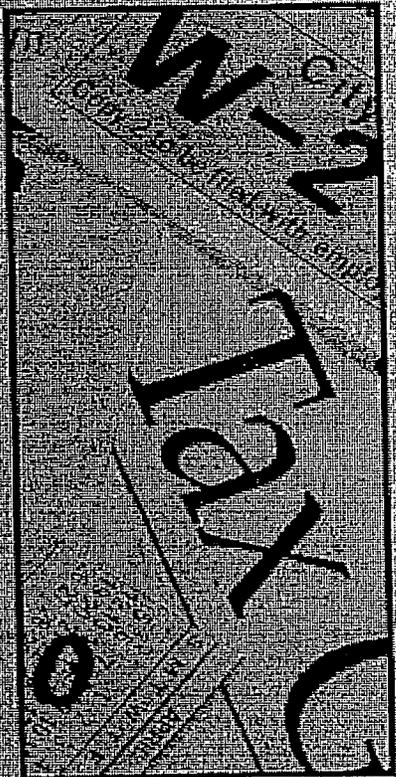
Bridge Replacement on Summit Rd in Norton **will have detours**

Effective on Monday, **February 3, 2014**, a bridge replacement on SUMMIT Road over I-76 / SR-224 will cause detours. The bridge, located between Connect and Hazelwood Extension Rd, will close Summit Road to through-traffic until approximately **July 1, 2014**.

The detour around this area is Barber Rd. to Norton Ave. to Wooster Rd. N. All businesses on Summit Rd will remain open and accessible.

This ODOT project, funded through Federal and State funds, is the first of two bridge replacements that will be performed in Norton over the SR-224 highway. The second part will be the Clark Mill Bridge, which is projecting to start in August of 2014. The cost of both bridge replacements is estimated to be a \$3.1 million project.

Sent to: Norton Post
Barberton Herald
West Side Leader
Akron Beacon Journal
Posted online at www.cityofnorton.org



**Central Collection Agency
 taxpayer assistance for
 City Income Tax filing!**

Staff from CCA will be available at the
Norton COMMUNITY CENTER at 4060 Columbia Woods Dr.
 to assist residents with filing **2013 Norton CITY** Income tax returns.

January 31 2014	Friday	4:00p - 8:00p
March 15 2014	Saturday	9:00a - 5:00p
March 25 2014	Tuesday	1:00p - 8:00p
April 1 2014	Tuesday	1:00p - 8:00p
April 8 2014	Tuesday	1:00p - 8:00p
April 15 2014	Tuesday	8:00a - 3:00p

This schedule has been modified from original print

clean UP Norton

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP



Earthweek Earthweek Earthweek Earthweek Earthweek

Interested Residents, Civic and Community Group VOLUNTEERS
Come join us for the annual

NORTON CLEAN UP DAY

ROAD-SIDE LITTER PICK UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014
8:00a ~ Noon

Meet at the

NORTON CITY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

@ 8a to pick up your supplies and for donuts and coffee / juice
Come back at 11:00 for Hot Dogs and Chips / drink

Be sure to wear bright clothing!!

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT!!!!

For additional information, please contact: City Admin Building @ 330-825-7815 ext. 314



Arbor Day Commemoration

Mayor Mike Zita will be planting a tree on the grounds at 8:15a on the morning of the Clean-up Day!



TREE CITY USA



Have an American Flag that needs retired?

Drop them off at this event!



The only cure for
LITTER is you.



Mayor Mike Zita

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Mike Zita
CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
4060 Columbia Woods Dr.
Norton OH 44203

CONTACT: (330) 825-7815, Ext. 314
Administrative Assistant: Ann Campbell
Date: Tuesday, February 04, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The City of Norton is seeking interested citizens willing to serve as a member on the Norton Planning Commission, Ward 2 member. This position is held for a three year term and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00p.

Interested applicants must officially reside in Ward 2 of the City of Norton. Board members are paid a small stipend for each meeting.

Individuals interested in this position are asked to please contact the City of Norton Administration Building at 330-825-7815 x314 or e-mail: annc@cityofnorton.org

Veteran Job & Career Fair

Wednesday, April 16

1-3 p.m.

The Veteran Job & Career Fair is VSC's eighth bi-annual on-site event on job and career benefits. The goal of this free event is to help Summit County veterans connect with local employers and to assist with finding career and job opportunities.

VSC will host representatives from:

- ★ Employers looking to hire
- ★ Heroes4Hire Job Club
- ★ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Job skill professionals on hand to assist with:

- ★ Resume review
- ★ Job search skills
- ★ Education options
- ★ Tips to ace an interview

The Veteran Job & Career Fair will provide veterans with an overview of the various benefits and services available.

Veterans of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Dependents of veterans are welcome.



To register, visit www.VSCsummitOH.us or call 330-643-7636