



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2014**

Roll Call: Scott Pelot
 Dennis McGlone
 Danny Grether
 Dennis Pierson
 Paul Tousley
 Charlotte Whipkey
 Rick Rodgers

Also Present:
Mayor Mike Zita
Valerie Wax Carr
Laura Starosta
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, March 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 a moment of silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Grether noted that we have a public hearing for Res. #40-2014 and Res. #41-2014 agricultural district renewals and he intends to waive the second and third readings, also noting that we will group these public hearings as one. Mr. Pierson wanted to have discussion for the next work session for the temporary pod storage units. Mr. Pierson indicated that several residents have contacted him to address this issue. We have some that have been stored on properties for over three months or longer. Mr. Rodgers stated we are working on the sound and video system as we move along with the improvements tonight we have a few sound engineers working on this.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Richards announced her challenge to her coworkers and Norton residents for the 2014 Children's Services Easter Basket campaign. Mrs. Richards indicated that she would be accepting baskets and donations through March 19, 2014 and will see that they get delivered to in time for distributing to the children in need. Ms. Whipkey asked about cash donations and Mrs. Richards replied yes and checks can be made payable to the Summit County Children's Services Board and mark Easter Baskets in the memo line. Mr. Rodgers stated last year Mrs. Richards got beat up pretty badly by other communities, and he urged everyone to get behind this and help out.

Mr. Andrew Lehner, 3853 Easton Road, Norton, Ohio, asked about the widening of the Cleve-Massillon Road and when this is going to start so the residents will know what to expect? Mrs. Carr replied stating that it will be in three (3) phases and she expects construction to begin in the summer of 2016.

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Mr. Bill Rohmer, Summit County Council Member At Large, stated that as he had promised during his campaign he is traveling the areas to assist if there is any need.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee Work Session of February 24, 2014 were approved as submitted. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 3, 2014 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Zita noted earlier today we had a large drug bust that involved a lock down at the Norton Middle School. This involved our Norton Police Department and the Violent Fugitive Task Force. There was a raid at a meth house and one suspect escaped out of a back window, and was seen heading toward the Norton Middle School, and he was apprehended a short time later. There was never an incident at the school as precautionary measure, we shut the schools down. Mayor Zita noted there were total of four (4) arrests.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 7:11 PM, Mr. Rodgers temporarily recessed the Regular Council meeting to convene the Public Hearings for the following:

RES #40-2014 A resolution to approve the renewal for placement of farmland located at 2392 Wadsworth Road in an agricultural district.

RES #41-2014 A resolution to approve the renewal for placement of farmland located at 4492 Cleveland Massillon road in an agricultural district.

Mr. Rodgers combined both hearings into one and asked for anyone in favor of either renewal one to come forward. Mr. Andrew Lehner, 3853 Eastern Road stated he was in favor of these and supports keeping these farmlands going.

Mr. Rodgers called twice more and no one else came forward.

Mr. Rodgers called three times for anyone against either renewal to come forward, and no one came forward.

At 7:14 PM Mr. Rodgers closed the Public Hearings and reconvened the Regular Council meeting back to session.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

ORD #39-2014

Mr. Grether offered Ord. #39-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE REZONING VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD FROM I-1 DISTRICT TO R-1 DISTRICT.

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First reading only. Mr. Grether noted the Public Hearing will ne on March 24, 2014 at 7:15 PM.

RES #40-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #40-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 2392 WADSWORTH ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Grether moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. McGlone

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Res. #40-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

RES #41-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #41-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4492 CLEVELAND MASSILLON ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Grether moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. McGlone.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Res. #41-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

RES #42-2014

Mr. Grether offered Res. #42-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

First reading only.

ORD #43-2014

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #43-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH JEFFREY'S TOWING INC., TO PROVIDE TOWING AND IMPOUND SERVICES.

Mr. Pelot moved to amend Ord. #43-2014 to include language in the second whereas clause where it states city vehicles exceed one ton, gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 10,001 pounds. The contract should also reflect the same GVW of 10,001 pound. Mr. Pelot noted that the time initially was changed and rounded to the nearest thirty (30) minutes and he is proposing to change it to fifteen (15) minutes, and to include the emergency language. Mr. Rodgers clarified what was amended in the contract. Mr. Tousley asked if the towing company was aware of these newer changes and questioned if they are in agreement? Mrs. Carr stated that she felt they would go along with these minor changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grether.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Grether.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord. #43-2014, seconded by Mr. Grether.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

ORD #44-2014

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #44-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT TO AND AGREEING TO COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE

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WIDENING OF CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD FROM WEBER DRIVE TO INTERSTATE 76, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Grether. Ms. Whipkey asked about past work on Cleve-Mass. Road and how it impacted the local businesses, and she hoped we will be able to have proper signage.

Mayor Zita stated last time it was a waterline and a moving sign was used then. Mrs. Carr stated we could look into that. Mr. Rodgers suggested town hall meetings as this gets closer.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord. #44-2014, seconded by Mr. Grether.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Rodgers explained to the public the reason we are waiving readings on several items is because there are some items we need to address and get off of the books and move on to other items.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

ORD #18-2014

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #18-2014 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES TO THE CITY.

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

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Ord. #18-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

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Motion passed 7-0.

RES #16-2014

Mr. McGlone offered Res. #16-2014 for its third 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.

Mr. McGlone noted this is a zero percent loan for 1.7 million and is something we have to do with the State of Ohio. Mr. Rodgers stated it has nothing to do with moving the project forward.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Res. #16-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey

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

Motion passed 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Grether thanked Mayor Zita, Chief Hete, and all officers involved for their action with the incident today, and asked Mayor about the burden of cost for cleaning up these meth houses back on to the legal owner and he was not sure if this was addressed by past Council. Mayor Zita indicated this law was adopted a few years ago. Mr. Pelot explained that need came up a few years ago it was put into place that it has to be cleaned up at the owners expense and it also has to be disclosed that it was a meth house prior to a sale. Mayor Zita stated that a press release regarding the incident at the school was put out earlier this afternoon. Mr. Grether suggested we put something in the papers to all property owners to remind them of our laws. Mr. Pierson asked if it was the Summit County Drug Task force that was involved? Mayor Zita noted this was the US Marshalls from the Northern Ohio Fugitive Task Force, not necessarily the County. Mr. Pierson noted it was brought to his attention in the past that if the County Drug Task Force is involved they can assist the different communities with costs for clean ups. Mayor Zita indicated he would make sure Chief Hete was aware of this if he is not already. Mr. Tousley asked Mayor Zita and Mrs. Carr about past discussions of turning over the mowing along State Route 21 back over to the County and Mayor Zita replied it was looked into and we felt was too cost prohibitive to do so. Ms. Whipkey discussed the meth houses and demolitions of such and seems like that is being paid by us under the delinquent tax funds and she would rather see the property owner pay for such. Mrs. Carr stated that has not been decided yet and is being looked into as other communities have also raised this issue. Ms. Whipkey stated that legislation we passed last year was to allow us to go after the banks on the foreclosures to have them pay for the clean up. Ms. Whipkey asked if there is any action to legally force the banks to pay for the meth lab clean ups since they are the legal owner? Mr. Markey stated he would have to get back to Ms. Whipkey on this. Mr. Rodgers commented about several vacant homes within his ward that are just sitting empty, although they are maintaining the property.

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Mr. McGlone stated it's not a problem with the banks; it's the backlog at Summit County. It takes almost a year to get the deed transfer from the owner to the bank going through Summit County and that is where the problem is. Mr. McGlone noted this is a real slow down on getting these deeds transferred. Mr. Rodgers stated his concern is the ones that are a danger in the community like a meth house, it should be targeted differently. Mr. Markey stated if it is a meth house it is declared a nuisance and is deemed unsafe hazard and no one can enter this property. Mr. Rodgers suggested setting a time frame on a vacant home of one(1) year and a meth home six (6) months. Mr. Pierson asked Mr. McGlone if we place a lien is on the property, does that slow the process down? Mr. McGlone replied no, those are all paid before a title transfer takes place. Ms. Whipkey asked Mayor Zita if there is anything upcoming with the Watershed District? Mayor Zita replied no, however we have an upcoming meeting. Ms. Whipkey asked who "we" is and Mayor Zita replied, himself, Mayor Judge, Helen Humphrey's from Copley. Ms. Whipkey noted the Administration had entered into an agreement for Mr. Rozelle and Mayor Zita concurred. Ms. Whipkey noted she understood there is to be only one (1) member from each municipality, however we still have four (4) elected officials that are making these decisions, and questioned if these are open meetings to attend? Mayor Zita stated that in order to bring Mr. Rozelle on board we had to put something together first. Ms. Whipkey asked that from this group that someone at least reports back to this Council and Mayor Zita indicated this is the first meeting even before a task force is developed and he would report back to Council on the discussions. Ms. Whipkey discussed the Sunshine Law and that there are three (3) elected officials attending and felt this was an issue. Mr. Markey stated these are from different communities and he does not feel that violates the Sunshine Law. Mr. Rodgers stated he hoped the group of officials meeting understands that we expect to be represented and we also assumed the same for Barberton as that seemed to be the intent from Mayor Judges's letter. Mayor Zita noted that we are not at the point of establishing the task force yet. Mr. Rodgers asked if any plans or drawing have come forth yet and Mayor Zita replied no. Ms. Whipkey asked what specifically is being considered as a task force? Ms. Whipkey noted that Mayor Judge had indicated that a task force would involve all of us. Mayor Zita indicated he was not sure of Mayor Judge's intent and Ms. Whipkey asked for Mayor Zita to check into that and report back to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Whipkey asked Mrs. Richards to comment to the public regarding the Charter amendments. Mrs. Richards stated that the ballot language has been approved and the Board of Elections has assigned these as Issue #9 and #10.

Mr. Grether asked about the meeting with Administration, Summit County officials, and a vendor about the vacuum systems. Mrs. Carr stated this meeting went well and nothing has been finalized anything, however it was productive. Our attorney has notified the EPA of these discussions and no new date has been set, and is moving along in the right direction.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Zita read several reports, see attached.

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ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

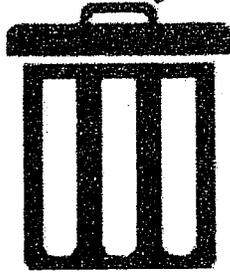
Rick Rodgers, President of Council

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 March 24, 2014.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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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!**



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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



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Date: Friday, January 17, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Effective on Monday, ~~February 17, 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 CGA 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



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The City of Norton is seeking interested citizens willing to serve as a member on the Norton Board of Building and Zoning Appeals, At-Large/Alternate member. This position is held for a three year term and meets on the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00p.**

Interested applicants must be registered voters and officially reside in 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

