



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 24, 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 24, 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**

Ms. Whipkey announced that an unsung hero Norton resident Del Nelson has finally received his Purple Heart Award from his service in the United States in battle for the Viet Nam war after 48 years. Mr. Grether noted there is a Public hearing for the rezoning for the property on Cleve-Mass. Road.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

Mrs. Reese discussed her concerns with Councils discussions about the 1,000 ft and 500 ft restrictions and that it was overlooked that the Building Inspector was picking up the permit and machine fees. Mrs. Reese also object that the process is this way and felt that billings or statements should go out and they should come to city hall to pay the fees, that's just too much money to be floating about. Mrs. Starosta clarified that the business owner physically comes in to city hall. Mrs. Reese indicated that was fine her other objection was that Mr. Arters is giving out a two week buy and felt the process is handled improperly. Mrs. Reese asked about the business receiving a 30 day notice and then they get a 2 week extension. Mrs. Carr stated that she and Mr. Rodgers had met last week and we are working on tightening the controls to make it less informal and felt she would appreciate the end result.

Andrew Lehner, 3853 Easton Road, Norton, Ohio, complained about a pothole on Easton Road and he would appreciate some attention to his. Mr. Lehner stated he appreciates the work Council does and that he also in favor of the rezoning stuff.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:10 PM Mr. Rodgers temporarily recessed the Regular Council meeting to convene the Public Hearing for Ord. #39-2014.

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

Mr. Rodgers called three times for anyone in favor of this rezoning to speak, no one came forward. The applicant-Mr. Jesse Micire stated this is his family's property and he is a third generation and he and his wife want to build a home here. Mr. Micire indicated he intends to purchase the business of EL Stone from his father in the near future.

Mr. Rodgers called three times for anyone against this rezoning to speak, no one came forward.

At 7:13 PM Mr. Rodgers closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items Continued.**

Mr. Robert Copen stated the City Administrator is the one in charge of collecting these fees not his designee Mr. Arters. Mr. Copen stated that when you redo this legislation you should clarify this. Mr. Copen discussed the 1,000 ft issue along Barber Road, where you had to practically swim through the creek behind Fred Martin Motors to even get to the one location someone wanted to come to and was within eight feet resulting in a location that is still empty. Mr. Copen agreed with the 1,000 ft. being close to the kids, but not about the contact with liquor establishments. Mr. Copen discussed the fees being late and referred to the December 31<sup>st</sup> licenses being expired or revoked. He stated their license should have been revoked the second day they missed the deadline. Mr. Copen discussed selling a business and that license was never renewed, so if they are still in business you either have a fraudulent application or someone is lying about who the owner is. Mr. Copen discussed the fee per machine used to be \$200.00 and now you want it to be \$500.00, and he felt this was extreme. We don't charge barber shops for every pair of clippers they own, or a bar on how many bottles of liquor they have yet the parlors must pay \$15,000.00 every six months. Mr. Copen stated he had complained on this in January and the Mayor had Mr. Arters contact him at home so that he did not make the complaints before Council publicly. Mr. Copen noted that Mr. Arters was asked by someone who had visited two of these parlors if they were operating legally and the answer was "I don't know." Mr. Rodgers noted there will be a first reading for this later and asked Mr. Markey about the fees schedule as discussed. Mr. Markey explained that certain spots in the ordinance where it states the Administrator or his designee and other spots where it states just the Administrator, but he believed the Administrator probably has discretion to designate other City employees certain responsibilities. Mr. Markey did not believe that was inappropriate, but the ultimate responsibility lay on the Administrator. Mr. Rodgers inquired on the machine fees and where they originated.

Mr. Markey indicated it came from the Planning Commission and was mirrored from the prior entertainment device legislation that was outlawed so the fees were transferred over. Ms. Whipkey stated she believed that Chapter 856 had the \$500.00 fees and 858 was the lesser amount. The arcades used to operate under Chapter 858 with the lower fees and the switch to Chapter 856 requires the higher fees to be paid. Mr. Rodgers noted we could address any changes when it came up but to proceed with the first reading.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Committee Work Session of March 10, 2014 were approved as submitted. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2014 were approved as submitted.

### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

No reports from the Administration.

Mr. Dan Karant-Summit County Board of Health Board member gave a brief report and noted he is not obligated to make any reports, however he feels it's important to come and provide a report with all of you. Mr. Karant commented on the infant mortality rate report that he gave a while back, adding that we still are not doing a great job here in Ohio and Summit County is among the worse out of 88 counties, which he felt was due to the large metropolitan area, and a lot of education needs to be done on this issue. In our county, South Akron, Central Akron, West Akron, and Norton are listed as the worst areas. Mr. Karant stated we are in the mosquito abatement business using one protocol and the MAD has their own way of doing this as well. Fairlawn does not do what the County does, they spray on their own. Mr. Karant commented about spraying into the air and although the chemicals are non-toxic they can affect pollinating insects and we are currently looking at making this a formal policy soon. We are trying to get the word out on our approach of reactive spraying and why. Mr. Karant shared a flyer that easily explains the ways to eradicate places where mosquitoes breed which he has been making presentations to the local schools. Mr. Karant stated he believed there will be no increases in the County fees for next year. Mr. Karant discussed drug abuse programs he would like introduced into the schools and medication take back day on May 10, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to collect at the Medicine Shoppe. Officer Jason Sams will be there at all times and will handle the process. There will be another day in October or November. Mr. Karant discussed Oral Health Day on April 1, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for free screenings and free oral health care kits. Mr. Karant commented about the Prayer Breakfast May 1, 2014 at Johnson United Methodist Church, and urged any or all of Council to come out and get involved and meet and greet citizens. Mr. Richard Gardner asked more about the infant mortality rate and wanted to know the percentage. Mr. Karant stated he did not have that information with him and encouraged him to contact him for the details. Mr. Gardner stated that he had a hard time believing Norton is so bad. Mr. Karant stated infant mortality means from conception up to one year old. It also costs over \$100,000.00 for neonatal units. Mr. Gardner asked about not leaving chemicals in the area, if the County does not spray he will do his own one way or the other.

Mr. Karant stated it's the areas that have standing water, and tires filled up with water, and it only takes a day or two for them to hatch adding that eliminating items containing standing water will decrease the number of mosquitoes. The other question is; are they the kind that causes disease.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

### **ORD #45-2014**

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #45-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NORTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Ord. #45-2014, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

### **RES#46-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Res. #46-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION URGING OHIO VOTERS TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE #1, RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, ON THE MAY 6, 2014 BALLOT.

First reading only.

### **ORD #47-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Ord. #47-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 856 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only. Public Hearing on April 28, 2014

## **INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

### **ORD #39-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Ord. #39-2014 for its second 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.

Mr. Grether moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. McGlone. Mr. Grether noted the applicant is waiting to build and it is spring.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Ord. #39-2014, seconded by Ms. Whipkey

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**ORD #18-2014**

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #18-2014 for its third 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 adopt Ord. #18-2014, seconded by Mr. Grether

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Grether appreciated the public input on the gaming skills and he also had a thought about the Zoning Inspector walking out from those facilities with a bag of cash. Mr. Grether thanked the Administration for addressing those issues. Mr. Pierson inquired as to whether the machines had a physical ID numbers on them for paying the fee and are they randomly checked to be sure the fees are being paid? Mrs. Carr stated she did not know, but would check. Mr. Tousley asked if this could be discussed at the next work session due to the issues raised by Mr. Copen earlier. Mr. Rodgers stated that he believed any changes would now require an amendment to the legislation and Mr. Markey concurred. Ms. Whipkey stated she agreed with Mr. Tousley's concerns and stated she was wondering if the distances were as the crow flies or street footage and some areas could be irrelevant due to the terrain. Mr. Pelot stated the thought process with the 1,000 ft was that if there was ever to be a shooting there is enough safe space from where people or children could be in danger. Mr. Pelot agreed that the alcohol distance should be decreased. Mr. Markey stated you would take the 1,000 foot location and draw a circle around that parcel. Mr. Grether stated he is open to amendments, but he is not willing to bend on the 1,000 ft issue from a school. Mr. Grether stated he would like some input from the Police Chief relating to the distances for alcohol sales.

Mr. Rodgers inquired about the comment on the change of ownership, and how do we control that? Mr. Pierson asked if each business has a contract with the City and Mr. Markey replied, no it's really not a contract, it is a license. Mr. Markey stated the issue on ownership would happen if someone purchased the entity and that would need to be checked on with Mr. Arters as to the process. Mr. Rodgers discussed the Issue #1 and hoped that we do take advantage of any funding available and Mrs. Carr stated you always want to apply for the funding whenever it is available. Ms. Whipkey asked if the city has been approved for the \$40,000.00 for demolitions, and Mrs. Carr indicated that has not been final yet, but we are ready to go with a list of homes. Mr. Grether asked about finalizing agenda items for the Work Shop and Mr. Rodgers indicated he and Mrs. Carr are working on this and if any of you have suggestions let Mrs. Richards know. Mr. Grether stated his number one topic is generating development in this community, revisiting the 2006 Comprehensive plan and we are sitting on an opportunity now to attract businesses to our community. We have resolved a lot of our issues, have calmed things down from the press perspective, and we need to continue. Mr. Grether commented about the article last week regarding Silver Creek Metro Park and Akron University lending itself for Norton to be a leader in economic development for sporting events, and we need to look at attracting people and have places to stay. Mr. Grether stated he would also like to discuss any available city owned prime properties and get those marketed for sale. Mrs. Carr noted she is working on a map of those properties for the meeting on Monday.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mrs. Carr stated normally the Mayor makes those and he is not present, adding that she believed he made all the announcements last week as he knew he would not be present tonight. Mr. Rodgers made several announcements (see attached).

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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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 April 14, 2014.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

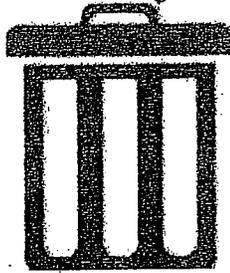
**\*NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM\***

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

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

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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.

# 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.*

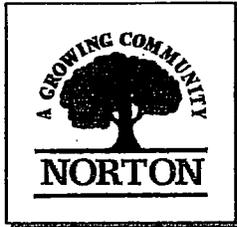


**VETERANS  
SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SUMMIT COUNTY**

1060 E. Waterloo Rd.  
Akron, OH 44306  
330-643-2830

[www.VSCsummitOH.us](http://www.VSCsummitOH.us)

To register, visit [www.VSCsummitOH.us](http://www.VSCsummitOH.us) or call 330-643-7636



Mayor Mike Zita

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Mike Zita**

CITY OF NORTON, OHIO

4060 Columbia Woods Dr.

Norton OH 44203

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Administrative Assistant: Ann Campbell

Date: Friday, January 17, 2014

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

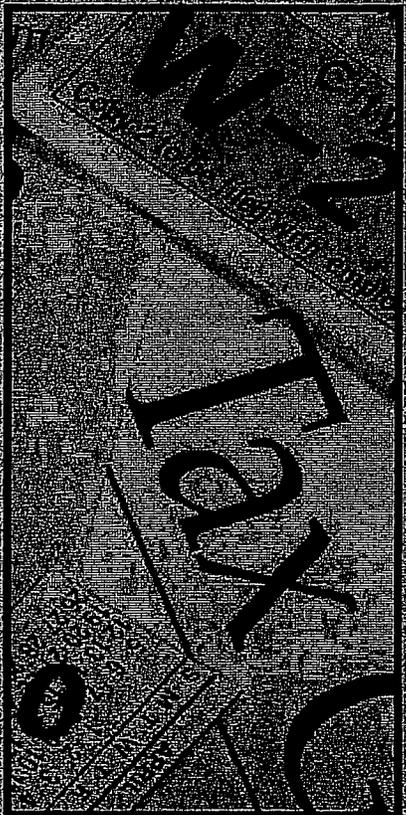
### **Bridge Replacement on Summit Rd in Norton** **will have detours**

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](http://www.cityofnorton.org)



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

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.

<del>JANUARY 31, 2014</del>	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**



*Mayor Mike Zita*

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
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Administrative Assistant: Ann Campbell  
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014

## **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](mailto:annc@cityofnorton.org)

