



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015**

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

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, April 27, 2015 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION-Norton High School Band by Mayor Zita (see attached).

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Continued discussion of the 2015 WPCLF Update Project Schedule-Nash Heights:

Mayor Zita responded with a written statement in response to last Thursdays Finance Committee Meeting, official records, (see attached). Mr. Rodgers stated that there is no conspiracy here and cautioned Mayor Zita to keep his comments in check. Mr. Rodgers pointed out Mayor Zita answered his own question by Charter that he is not required to attend. Mr. Markey stated that the issue is that all of us were criticized by you more than once. Mr. McGlone stated in the past the Council President usually asked the Administration and Mayor if that was a good date and time for everyone as a courtesy. Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. McGlone how many meetings he held as past President and if the Administration attended them all. Mayor Zita interjected and stated that normally the Administration is consulted on availability and he was working. Mr. Pierson argued that a meeting of this magnitude that you and everyone else involved should have been here. Mayor Zita stated that Mr. Pierson had talked about having “skin in the game” and after loud outbursts, Mr. Rodgers gaveled Mr. Pierson and Mayor Zita stating this name calling is over. Mrs. Carr stated that she had emailed all of Council her conflict and asked Mr. Rodgers if she always included him in making meetings with various agencies and consult his schedule. Mr. Rodgers replied yes, however he was not concerned whether or not the Administration showed up that night or not. Mr. Rodgers stated he called that meeting because the information that came across his desk was important enough to address immediately. Mr. Rodgers stated were rushed into the agreement with Barberton, we have this time line with the EPA and all of this stuff keeps cropping up. Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Markey about the St. Rt. 21 pump station and if we are planning to build 2 pump stations for this project? Mr. Markey stated as this has been stated before there is one pump station for this project.

Mrs. Carr noted that she asked Mr. Dave White to attend and provide an overview. Mrs. Carr stated that she has applied for these nomination as a place holder to keep the City on the list and former Administrators did the same with engineers advising not to stop applying for them so to get future funding if needed. Mr. Rodgers asked about the emails we are reading state that Flesher Allotments had the fecal counts as way worse than Nash Heights and then why are we focused on Nash Heights? Mrs. Carr noted she was not here when this all started and she has not focused on doing so, but the fecal counts had been public knowledge since 2009 she believed. Mrs. Carr stated she could not say why Nash Heights was pursued as opposed to Flesher as she was not here. Mayor Zita and Mrs. Carr stated they had not been made aware of the email that was discussed last Monday and would have responded if they had been given the opportunity. Mrs. Carr discussed the map spoken of in the emails and that it was the original plans from 2013 as she understood it, but we had come a long way from that and it didn't really matter anymore. Mr. Rodgers asked Mrs. Carr if she was willing to say tonight that Weber and Trotter would be left out of any sewers. Mrs. Carr stated she had said last week that she has not see the engineering reports. Mr. Rodgers stated the Engineering Firm does not drive the bus here. Mrs. Carr stated you need to have sound engineering on these projects. Mr. Rodgers asked if Golf Course Drive was being left out and Mrs. Carr responded that it had already been stated it was to be taken out. Mr. Rodgers pointed out a gentleman from Golf Course had inquired if it was okay for him to go ahead with having a new septic put in and never got an answer. Mrs. Carr stated she would not say whether a resident is required to connect particularly if they were on a corner; that is something that the Health Dept. would address. Mrs. Carr stated she worked her butt off getting all of the details prepared for that Thursday's evening, and did not even get a thank you from Council especially that evening. Mrs. Carr discussed the reference to her failing to provide information, breaking Mr. Rodger's trust, and not living within the City; she would like to know what she had done to deserve those attacks on Thursday and had no secret agenda for sewers. Mr. Rodgers responded he did not know about a secret agenda, but there is a desire to sewer the whole City not only by this Administration, but by Barberton according to the Akron Beacon Journal. Mrs. Carr pointed out that Mr. Rodgers was present in all the meetings and understood west of 21 was to be left out. Mrs. Carr then asked Mr. White to speak on the subject. Dave White stated Hudson Run trunk goes into 31st street near the bridge. Mr. White stated at this time he does not see anything justifying applying for funding for doing a project there. Mr. White stated that at one time there was discussion about the electric lines and the railway at the Hametown Road location. In order to get sanitary sewer to that site this Hudson Run are could have served that area. Mr. Rodgers asked how Flesher Allotment would be sewerred? Mr. White stated that later phases of Hudson Run would get there, and the options for this would be a temporary waste treatment plant downstream from Flesher. Mr. White stated that would flow to Hametown Road near the Loyal Oak Lake Park area and discharge into one of the tributaries. Mr. Rodgers asked if there was ever an idea to put a pump station at Medina Line and St. Rt. 261 and Mr. White replied no. Mr. Rodgers asked if the pump station discussed in the email at Wadsworth and St. R. 21 that Mrs. Carr was unaware of, but other members of Administration should have been, was considered for Flesher? Mayor Zita stated he was not privy to that email that Mr. Rodgers keeps commenting on (see attached). Mr. Rodgers stated that Mayor Zita had better be privy to every communication to the extent of Mr. Demboski advising the EPA on what areas are the worse and how they need to be addressed and how it would be addressed. Mr. Rodgers questioned if the Administration had given

Mr. Demboski permission to look at the whole City and EPA to tell them and us the best way to sewer the City; because that is what it looks like. Mrs. Carr replied “of course not” but back in 2007 that was being worked on. Mr. Rodgers stated that in 2013 there was an election and four (4) seats changed and if all (7) seats had been up they would all have been replaced here because of the lack of cooperation and mistrust in this City. Mr. Rodgers stated he wants to develop the city and he wants to leave the residents alone. We don’t need to burden the citizens any more. Mr. Rodgers commented about a Norton resident who has to work two (2) jobs just to make ends meet like many resident and do not need the burden of assessments and monthly sewer bills. Mr. Pierson asked Mr. White if two years ago did we not pay EDG \$450,000.00 to sewer the entire City and then increased it by an additional \$200,000.00 for nearly \$650,000.00 total? Mr. White stated that he was not clear on the dollar amount spent but that yes there was a plan done for the City. Mr. White stated he has been repeatedly asked by the County about future sewer plans in certain areas and if this is not in our Nash Heights area he advised the County we have no plan for a scheduled sewer. Mr. Pierson asked did we not a layout for sewers in the entire city done by EDG or the former Floyd Brown Group? Mr. White answered that was correct. Mr. Pierson inquired about the pump station at 21 and Wadsworth helping Nash Heights. Mr. White stated the future development shows the most interest in that area of Sr. Rt. 21 all the way up to Wadsworth Road. Mr. Pierson discussed a previous plan to punch in a line under 76 and Mr. White stated that was one plan. Mr. White stated we need sewers in areas where we are having a demand for business development. Mr. Pierson stated the Health Dept. never tested the area of Weyrick and Shellhart, although the area below that had high counts and this needs looked at. We are mandated to Nash Heights and everything outside of this will just have to wait. Mr. Pierson stated we don’t need to put in more applications and add pump stations if we are not going to do this. We do not need to put in loan applications for projects we are not doing. Mrs. Carr clarified we did not put in any loan applications; all we did was submit nominations. Mrs. Carr stated if you want to remove those last 3 projects, then fine but you are putting those areas in serious jeopardy. This 2013 email is totally taken out of context and the Mayor was not copied on this. Mrs. Carr stated that Dean Holderman is with DEFA and has nothing to do with enforcement. Mrs. Carr noted that at this time in 2013 that is the direction this City was going, before you were elected and before she got here. Mrs. Carr stated we have heard loud and clear on sewer residential areas, but keep in mind that if you have a property on Shellhart and your septic goes bad and you are on the borderline, you may have to put a sewer in. That is why she is leery about what we tell the residents. Mr. Rodgers asked Mrs. Carr to address that map she referred to and the numbers indicated by the worse pollutants. Mr. Rodgers stated that he believes that the numbers do not necessarily reflect the worst polluting areas of the City and Mrs. Carr concurred. Mr. Rodgers again asked if that is the case, then how did Nash Heights get on the hit list for #1? No one he has asked can ever explain this to him. Mr. Rodgers again stressed the need to remove Weber and Trotter would not be included in the sewers associated with the Cleveland-Massillon Road. Mrs. Carr stated the engineering reports are still out on this and she cannot comment, and she knows that Council has expressed loud and clear that you want them taken out. Mr. White stated he has been working on the details and one of the options was to take these streets out. Mr. Tousley stated that the railroad issue was not even an issue until Council discussed this and read the maps. Mrs. Carr stated that anything is possible with the right amount of money, and there are options. We have always stated the railroad tracks have always been a possibility. Mayor Zita stated we already have lines under the railroad tracks that we are paying on.

There was discussion about the sewers already in Gardner Blvd., and the potential of expanding to this area. Ms. Whipkey asked if these listed nominations all came about from the Comprehensive Plan from 2006 and Mrs. Carr and Mr. White both concurred most likely so. Ms. Whipkey stated that back then she and others came forward with our concerns about this, but no one would listen as it did not affect them then. Ms. Whipkey pointed out that she believed the Comprehensive Plan was still on line for anyone that wanted to have a better idea of what we are talking about. Ms. Whipkey stated that the email Mrs. Carr referred to was not received by the 4 members that attended until five minutes before the meeting. Ms. Whipkey stated in response to the comment that we should have come to Administration with questions on the EPA/EDG email, I never saw that email until that night; it was an impossibility to have went to anyone to ask anything. Mr. Rodgers stated the meeting was about the nominations, the email was shared by a Norton resident which that alone had raised more questions. Mrs. Carr noted that Mr. Pierson had this listing at least two (2) weeks prior to this meeting; he apparently did not share that with all of you. Ms. Whipkey stated looking to the email reference of Flesher being listed as #5 and she was not happy to hear that our Engineer was talking with the EPA and it did appear badly. Mrs. Carr stated that going back to 2013, EDG been essential in getting all of the possible funding that we could get, so looking at the full picture is not as destructive as it may appear to be. Mr. Rodgers stated with all due respect to Mr. Demboski, he has spoken to many other engineers and he is not the only engineer that can do this type of work; however he feels this whole process of the principal forgiveness was botched. Mrs. Carr stated she did a lot of research on the principal forgiveness and only two (2) cities were granted this. Mifflin, Ohio with \$26,000.00 in median income, and Geneva on the Lake at \$25,000.00. We are almost double or triple those medium incomes. Mr. Rodgers stated that is pulled only from the residents in Nash Heights. Mrs. Carr stated that there are two (2) methodologies, you can go city wide or by project area. There is 2.5 million for 2015 and the State has already allocated 1 million just for the Health Department. Mrs. Carr stated that every expert she has talked to say this would be a long shot. Mr. Rodgers stated we keep hearing it's a long shot based on median income; it's a fact that 70% of the people in Nash Heights are 55 years or older and that he is all for getting something even if this is \$200,000.00 and it's more than we have now. Ms. Whipkey stated she thought Mr. Messner's communication indicated we could re-apply. Mrs. Carr noted that we have always stated that we could re-apply. Mr. Messner stated we have already missed a time line for Issue 1. Mr. Rodgers stated we can build Nash Heights as its laid out, send the sewer up Greenwich Road by gravity or vacuum and appease the EPA. Mr. Markey added that you are required to build it unless up you have an alternative approved plan by the EPA. Mr. Rodgers stated let's do this without worrying about these time lines and losing money, we can do this. Mrs. Carr reminded everyone that DEFA wants whoever is operating this sewer system that loan needs processed in their name. Mr. Rodgers asked about the Greenwich Road sewers and who is operating them now? Mr. Rodgers stated that the County has held off on taking ownership on these lines because we are up in the air currently. Mr. Markey concurred due to the agreement pending on purchase. Mr. Rodgers stated we could build, own, and operate Nash Heights and Mr. Markey concurred. Mrs. Carr asked if Mr. Rodgers was suggesting that now? Mr. Rodgers stated he is suggesting that we will not be pushed into a corner with threats of time lines and agreements; that we are going to get this right we can build this on our own. Mrs. Carr said she was a little surprised as from day one she had been told we would never own or operate the sewer.

Mr. Rodgers responded we still did not, but with the deal with Barberton, the package plants that we did want to buy and own, we are buying with the surcharge monies, yet we do not own them. We are spending the people's money to buy them, but we don't own them. Is that correct and Mr. Markey and the Mayor agreed. Mr. Rodgers stated to solve the problem, we can build Nash Heights and get this done and worry about the others later. Mr. Markey stated asked about the level of assessments that Council has already adopted and the surcharge assistance. Ms. Whipkey discussed that 27 ½ percent and the agreement we have with Barberton, we still need the new customers to pay for Nash Heights. Mr. Market stated that was complicated answer and did not know how to really answer right now. Ms. Whipkey stated she wanted to make it perfectly clear one more time, she does not want to see anyone burdened with these expenses, however she was not about to sit here and approve a plan that would burden future people that will not be eligible to get some of the same benefits. Ms. Whipkey asked if everyone understood her; she does not want others to be burdened with paying on past projects and with no relief on assessments. That is what we need to look at so there is hope for others. Mr. Rodgers stated that 1,000 of residents that pay the roll back tax and never realize anything out of this. Mrs. Whipkey stated we need to reimburse the residents on Greenwich because they did not get any relief other than if they tied in within that first year as well as those on Oak. Ms. Whipkey stated we need to be able to handle all of the citizens the same way. Mrs. Carr asked for clarification and it we are still to continue working with Barberton, and Mr. Rodgers stated that we will continue working with Barberton. Mrs. Carr asked for direction of what we are to tell the EPA? Mr. Rodgers said to tell them we are going to build Nash Heights. Ms. Whipkey asked about the reference last Thursday about the difference of absent or excused? Mr. Markey stated that absence referred to without a notice to the President as opposed to a notice to why they could not attend they should be marked as excused. Mr. Rodgers stated that they should be marked as excused. Mr. McGlone asked about the presentation for the SRO with Mr. Dunn if this is next week or not and Mr. Rodgers replied yes. Mr. Rodgers asked for Mr. Messner for cost breakdown on the City's responsibility for our share if we are picking up the 40% and how we are to pay for this. Mr. McGlone stated he understood we are losing the DARE officer and that could help offset these costs. Ms. Whipkey stated that Mayor Judge had sent an email earlier today relating to his concerns with the City action from last week (see attached). Ms. Whipkey stated she wanted this to be noted in our minutes and asked Mr. Rodgers to read the entire email from Mayor Judge. Ms. Whipkey discussed the Summit County Public Health questions and answers that were posted on their web site from their meeting of March 25, 2015 (see attached). Ms. Whipkey questioned the item of Question #5 on page #2 and their response was: *"The planning and construction of sewers are the responsibility of your local sewer district" SCPH works cooperatively with sewer districts to identify areas of need*". Mr. Markey stated that Barberton would have no authority to establish sewers in Norton without #1-your authorization and #2-a way to fund it. Mr. Rodgers again questioned how Nash Heights got where it did? We are not providing a service, Barberton is. There may be an agenda and he believes that Nash Heights was agenda driven. Mr. Markey stated that the Heath Dept. could issue an order, and that would fall back to you the City of Norton. Mrs. Carr stated that if we don't want to be in that position the residents need to maintain their septic systems.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Maggie Abbott, Kiwanis Member reminded everyone about the Prayer Breakfast, on May 7, 2015 at 7:00 AM (see attached).

Mrs. Audrey Kornacki, 3001 Dutt Road, Norton, Ohio, spoke about how frustrated she has been and was here last week. She has been praying that she would be able to keep her cool. Mrs. Kornacki stated that she feels she needs to defend the citizens and that you need to get out there and tell the residents you need to take care of your septic systems Mrs. Kornacki stated that a lot of the residents are struggling and trying to make ends meet. We have all worked hard to pay for our homes just in time to possibly lose it because of these expenses, so please don't ask us for more because we don't have it. We are already robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Mrs. Carrie Beagle, 3920 Reimer Road, Norton, Ohio, stated she is not going to discuss the sewers. Mrs. Beagle stated that she wants to discuss what is broken in this room. Mrs. Beagle stated that she is tired of being the laughing stock with the people she works with. Mrs. Beagle stated she is a lunch lady for Cloverleaf Schools. When she started there was a deficit of \$130,000.00 and in her third year that is all gone and it's gone because of teamwork. There is no teamwork here in this City, and you need to improve on this. Mrs. Beagle offered her services and called reference to a Lean Ohio program that teaches you the skills needed and she believes these classes are something that would benefit everyone. It's a three (3) day program and is offered by scholarships. The first thing we learn is to listen to the voice of the customer. Perception is the reality, it may not always be true. The things we see here have got to stop and we all need to work together here. Mrs. Beagle stated she is the facilitator for this program. Mrs. Carr noted she has already applied for the initial paperwork for this program for the Administration. Mrs. Beagle discussed the class about success signals and communication and she offered to teach this to everyone. Mrs. Beagle urged everyone to work together to have a better government. You can do what is easy or you can do what is right.

William Paluch, 3740 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio, asked if it was true that Mayor signed a contract with the EPA that the Nash Heights will have their area sewered? Mr. Markey stated they Mayor signed Findings & Orders with the EPA and they were signed. Mr. Paluch asked for a copy of this agreement. Mr. Paluch stated every time he contacts the County about the number of septic systems that have passed or failed, he cannot get an answer. Mr. Paluch stated if he can get a list of the addresses they would be able to provide them and he has asked for this information from the City. Mrs. Richards indicated that she has pulled this information and its waiting for release. Mr. Rodgers stated that he would like the Council to also get a list of the failed septic systems so that the Council representative can help the resident do what they need to do to get it fixed or replaced. Mr. Pierson stated he has that report and it was less than 30% and he would see that Mr. Paluch has the report by tomorrow. Mr. Paluch asked how many loans has the City of Norton had to repay? Mr. Rodgers replied there are none. Mrs. Carr stated this area is not eligible for grants. Mr. Paluch asked if you understand that there are 35% of the children in Norton schools are being subsidized by some type of federal program. Does that tell you that we are rich here? Mr. Rodgers stated that Mrs. Beagle was referring to the percentages in Cloverleaf. School system, and he is not certain what the number is for Norton. Mr. Paluch stated he would be doing a petition drive to reduce the tap in fees to \$300.00 and he would word in it such a way that the \$1400.00 that goes to Barberton that someone else would be responsible for that amount. Ms. Whipkey clarified that it's \$1600.00 not \$1,400.00.

Jessie Prather, 2783 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio, thanked the Administration for speaking tonight. Mr. Prather stated that Mrs. Carr has exemplary service and has done a lot of work for the City, such as the re-establishment of a Tree City, simple recycling, the Green Up Norton day. Mr. Prather stated the he was amazed how hard she worked on this and this Saturday. Mr. Prather noted that even LeBron James cannot win the game by himself, it's a team event. Mr. Prather stated that he knows it's difficult for people to come up with money and he also feels we need sewers for economic development. Any business owner will tell you if their business is not growing, that business is starting to die. We keep passing the blame with each other, and arguing with each other. Mr. Prather stated the suggestion of the classes by Mrs. Beegle is an excellent idea. Mr. Prather stated it's time to look in the mirror and realize it's partially my fault. We could just keep fighting and nothing will get done, nothing will move forward. Mr. Prather stated we have other needs to address in the city. We all know the longer we wait the more it's going to cost. Mr. Prather asked everyone to please start working together.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, approved as submitted.

Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, approved as submitted.

Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Special Council Meeting, approved as submitted.

Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, approved as submitted.

Minutes of the April 20, 2015 Committee Work Session-*Deferred*.

Minutes of the April 23, 2015 Special Finance Committee Meeting-*Deferred*.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Zita commented about Norton Green Up Day and over 150 people and a fantastic turnout. This was a great success and he thanked all of the residents and volunteers for their hard work.

PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

ORD #29-2015

Ms. Whipkey offered Ord. #29-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTIES AS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ADVERTISE THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey stated that this was due to a hiccup we had and there were many items for sale and everything we had agreed to sell was sold on E-Bay. We need to move the legislation forward to get the money received to us.

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

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Whipkey moved to adopt Ord. #29-2015, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

ORD #26-2015

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #26-2015 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE NORTON PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 4219, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BARGAINING UNITS FOR FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS, FULL-TIME FIREMEDICS AND FULL-TIME LIEUTENANTS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tousley moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Pelot stated that he spoke with the Chief today and he indicated the sooner this gets passed the sooner he can move forward with the people he is working with. Mr. Tousley stated the salary increases are 1% in 2015, 1% in 2016 and 1.5% in 2017.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tousley moved to adopt Ord. #26-2015, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #27-2015

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #27-2015 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BARGAINING UNITS FOR LIEUTENANTS, SERGEANTS AND PATROL OFFICERS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tousley moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Tousley stated that the salary increases are 2% for 2015, 1.5% for 2016 and 1.5% for 2017.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tousley moved to adopt Ord. #27-2015, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #28-2015

Ms. Whipkey offered Ord. #28-2015 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey noted that the Board of Control had approved this at their meeting earlier this evening and the current policy expires tomorrow. Ms. Whipkey stated this comes down to a 4% increase on all of our property coverage. Ms. Whipkey explained the cost of \$120.00 for losses for revenue we need to keep track in the Mayor's Court at this time. There is an increase of \$3,875.00 or 4% which is due to the recent purchase of a front end loader. Ms. Whipkey moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Tousley asked what is covered under flood and earthquake? Mr. Messner stated that would be damage to the basement or floor by an earthquake and this also would cover contents.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Whipkey moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #24-2015

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #24-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 1042.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Ord. #24-2015, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Tousley discussed the grants for CDBG and Mr. Messner stated that those are up for reapplication in the next several weeks. Mrs. Carr stated our application is due in May or June. Mr. Markey stated one thing to consider is the tie-ins for Nash Heights which may not occur until 2017. Mrs. Carr stated that is correct, and this year we have applied for funds to replace the roof at the Community Center and front doors.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rodgers stated he did hear the comments from Mrs. Beegle and Mr. Prather for Council and the Administration to work together. Mr. Rodgers stated we need to limit any projects already in place. As for any new projects that discussion needs to come to Council before any involvement. Mr. Rodgers asked if Mr. Demboski was using a City email account and Mrs. Carr replied no he does not; he only uses his EDG email account.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Zita made several announcements (see attached)

PUBLIC UPDATES

There were none.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 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 May 11, 2015.

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.

On Jan 15, 2015, at 3:49 PM, tpetrich wrote:

Thank you very much for taking the time to write a expedient, detailed and thoughtful reply. Yes, again thank you, your reply was quite sufficient.

Regards,
Tom Petrich

On Jan 15, 2015, at 3:02 PM, Jeff Lonzrick wrote:

Mr. Petrich,

Gravity sewers and vacuum sewers certainly serve the same purpose, but they accomplish that purpose in differing ways. Neither system is maintenance free, and each requires their own form of maintenance and repairs.

Gravity sewers require periodic flushing to remove debris that can accumulate within mains or manholes; we do this to prevent disruption of service or sanitary backups. Vacuum systems do not require such flushing maintenance as the velocities within the vacuum mains are much higher and this keeps debris in suspension; there are also no manholes to collect debris. Vacuum systems though require periodic maintenance of the various components within a pump station.

Gravity sewers over time tend to allow undesirable water infiltration and inflow into the system, which must be then transported to and treated at a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Conversely, vacuum systems do not experience the same infiltration/inflow issues by nature of the sealed system - this means less water to be treated by the WWTP and that should result in lower operational costs.

In our experience in Randolph, we were attempting to install sanitary sewers along a state route (SR-44) in an older established community. We had originally bid the project as gravity sewers, and the bids came in higher than we could afford. The right-of-way in which we had to work was extremely tight, and given the permit and construction conditions that were required by the Ohio Department of Transportation it was a cheaper alternative for us to install a vacuum system. For example, a gravity system would have been excessively deep (greater than 25 feet) in a number of locations along the planned route. Alternatively, vacuum mains were able to be installed with an average depth of cover of 5'-0" throughout the entire length of the project.

Unfortunately, I do not readily have the data to develop operational/maintenance cost comparisons between gravity and vacuum systems. Vacuum systems require electricity to operate the necessary vacuum system. Gravity sewers obviously operate on the principles of physics and require no electricity. So far, repairs have been limited to only minor work at the vacuum pump station, and no repairs have been required on the mains.

From a reliability standpoint, we have been extremely pleased. Blockages within the vacuum mains do not happen as they can within gravity systems. Power outages generally do not affect the operation of the system due to a reserve of vacuum that is always maintained within the system, as well as a backup power generator that keeps the system operational during bad weather. We figure in our situation that from an efficiency standpoint it is likely a breakeven point - even though we originally wanted to install gravity sewers for our project, a portion of the project would have required a pump station and force main nonetheless.

The Randolph area has a combination of gravity sewers and vacuum sewers. The entire area does have a surcharge. The surcharge, however, is due to requirements for the funding that was received to construct the systems and WWTP. The surcharge is not a result of vacuum sewers being installed instead of gravity sewers. I cannot, however, hope to know the funding intricacies which Norton is faced with - so a surcharge may be warranted in their instance.

Lastly, we have had a good experience with the vacuum system and would consider installing again if the conditions warrant it. As a department there was a fair bit of reluctance during the early stages to take on a system that we were unfamiliar with, but we quickly learned how to operate and troubleshoot a vacuum system. For the most part, our operation of the vacuum system is a quick visit to the station only a few times each week to visually check on it. We also remotely monitor the system for alarms. The system if anything has not been any more time on our part than what it would have been if the gravity sewers and pump station had been constructed as originally planned.

Yes, I am satisfied with the system. I hope that this sufficiently answers your inquiry.

Regards,

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Gravlty

Estimate	\$7,790,000	
Norton's Share	<u>2,092,394</u>	
Balance	5,687,606	
Surcharge Assistance	<u>3,265,348</u>	
Residents Share	\$2,422,258	Divided by 304 equals a assessment of \$8000.00

Vacuum

Estimate	\$6,515,000	
Norton's Share	<u>2,092,394</u>	
Balance	4,422,606	
Surcharge Assistance	<u>3,265,348</u>	
Residents Share	\$1,157,258	Divided by 304 equals a assessment of \$3807.00

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