



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021**

The Regular Council Meeting was convened on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Dennis McGlone, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection noting the passing of longtime Finance Director, Ron Messner, who will be missed by all.

Roll Call:	Jack Gainer	Also Present:
	Dan Karant	Mayor Zita
	Paul Tousley	Robert Fowler
	Scott Pelot	Pamela Keener
	Charlotte Whipkey	Justin Markey
	Joe Kernan (excused)	Kerry Macomber
	Dennis McGlone	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- None

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Zita deferred to Mr. Fowler. Mr. Fowler announced road resurfacing will begin Wednesday and they will post signs where they are doing work. AMATS has a special round of funding that is open and will close on May 6, 2021. They will apply for Barber and Greenwich Roads and funds need to be spent by July 2021. The waterline project will be wrapped up and we will be able to bid out Greenwich Road. Legislation will be prepared after we are approved for the funding about the end of May. We will be paving Eastern Road between Cleveland-Massillon and Fairland, which will be bid at the same time as Barber Road. Norton Avenue is out for bid now. We received funding for three projects from OPWC: Driftwood, Cherrywood, Greenwich Road sewer and funding for Johnson Road. The transition back to City Hall has begun and should be complete by June 1, 2021.

Mr. Pelot asked about the Presidential economic packet with an emphasis on infrastructure and if the Kungle Road bridge would qualify. Mr. Fowler responded that the Mayor and he have contacted Congressman Gonzales and the Congressman has included this project in the ten that he was allowed to submit. Mr. Fowler shared they have also requested \$2 million for water infrastructure projects beyond our current water plans. They are in constant contact with Congressman Gonzales regarding Norton's needs.

Ms. Whipkey asked about the status of sewers and about hook ups on Cleveland-Massillon Road between Gardner and the railroad tracks. Mr. Fowler apologized as he had been without email or phone and said Council needs to pass an ordinance once the final costs have been determined.

Costs came in around April 17 or 18 and were \$500,000 under bid. Now, they have to determine the actual cost and make a recommendation to Council for the connection cost. Mr. Gainer asked if this is a connection charge or assessment. Mr. Fowler said this is not a forced connection and therefore is not an assessment. There will be a rate for the hook up and each project has a specific tap-in charge; he believed the last one was around \$14,500. There was discussion regarding the cost and size of the meter for water and sewer. Mr. Tousley noted that this charge will not include Barberton fees. Mr. Markey concurred, stating this is just Norton's cost for installing the line and we would be getting the legislation created. There was discussion regarding Council's transition to City Hall and President McGlone noted that will most likely occur after summer break and we would talk about it later.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2021 were accepted as submitted.
Minutes of Special Council Meeting of April 19, 2021 were accepted as submitted.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION - None

PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. McGlone adjourned the Regular Council Meeting and opened the Public Hearing on Res. No. 50-2021 - A resolution to approve the renewal of farmland located at 3631 S Medina Line Road in an Agricultural District. The Clerk certified that the Public Hearing Notification was advertised in the Post Newspapers on April 10, 2021. Mr. McGlone called for anyone wishing to speak in favor or against Res. No. 50-2021.

Mr. Gainer said he was in favor. This is a routine and we know they have used this for agriculture for several years and it is over 45 acres. It is good for Norton.

Ms. Whipkey stated that she is always in favor of farmland in Norton.

Mr. McGlone called two more times for anyone wishing to speak for or against Res. No. 50-2021. Hearing none, Mr. McGlone then closed the Public Hearing and resumed the Regular Meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

Res. No. 50-2021

Mr. Gainer offered Res. No. 50-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 3631 S MEDINA LINE ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Gainer moved to waive third readings; seconded by Mr. Karant.

Roll Call: Yes: Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, Whipkey, McGlone
 No: None

Motion passed: 6 – 0

Mr. Gainer moved to adopt Res. No. 50-2021; seconded by Mr. Karant.

Roll Call: Yes: Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone
No: None
Motion passed: 6 – 0

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Karant announced the Community Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:00 AM. It will be breakfast on your own during a Zoom meeting featuring Pastor Cary Duckett, Grace Bible Church in New Franklin. Pastor Duckett will discuss Strangers Among Us, which focuses on the immigrants that come to our community and what they need to of our community. A minimum \$5.00 donation is requested for a link to the program, which can be paid by credit card or PayPal on Facebook.com/Kiwanisclubnortonohio. Norton Kiwanis members will also accept checks, if preferred.

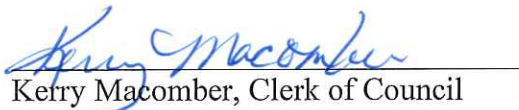
NEW BUSINESS: Executive Session – cancelled.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.


Dennis McGlone, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, 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 10, 2021.


Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

****Note: these minutes are not verbatim****
Original signed and approved minutes are on file with Clerk of Council.

