



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Joe Kernan, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call:	Jack Gainer	Also Present:
	Dennis McGlone	Mayor Zita
	Dan Karant	Ron Messner
	Paul Tousley	Kerry Macomber
	Charlotte Whipkey (excused)	
	Scott Pelot	
	Joe Kernan	

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Joe Kazy, 3141 Monteray Drive, Norton OH, stated that he will reserve his comments until the topic is addressed.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Mr. Kernan noted that he received a call today from a resident and was informed there were flyers distributed on Easton Road. He stated that the flyer contained false information and it did not come from the City stressing that there is no plan at this point to assess anyone for any sidewalks. The City is doing some engineering to try to receive some grants to do some sidewalks. There is absolutely no plan from Council or Administration, as far as he knows, to assess anyone for any sidewalks. Mr. Karant also had two calls and was also approached at church about this misinformation. He noted that the flyers were put out in mailboxes on Easton, except that his mailbox was skipped. Mr. Pelot noted he also heard from constituents and encouraged people to call their Council person or Administration to get the real information. Typically, when items are anonymous they are not usually reputable.

Application for Renewal of Agricultural District – Mr. Gainer noted that there were two applications to consider under a Consent Agenda: David Maxon and Edward & Mary Soltis. These are both renewal applications for including farmland in an Agricultural District. Mr. Gainer moved to add Resolutions 26 and 27 to Council's next agenda; seconded by Mr. Karant.

Roll Call: Yes: Gainer, Karant, McGlone  
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

OPWC Grant Applications – Mr. Kernan noted Ord No. 28-2019 allows Administration to apply for grants. Mr. Kernan moved to add this to Council's next agenda; seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Pelot noted that Ms. Whipkey noted that the assessments levied against the

properties, if it goes through, would be on the construction only and Mr. Pelot asked if this was true. Mayor Zita will get that clarified before next week. Mr. Kernan said these are waterline projects, storm sewer, etc.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot  
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to purchase a 2019 Durango Vehicle in the amount not to exceed \$28,012.00.

Mr. Kernan said this is a truck for the Zoning Department. Mr. Pelot said we are going with the Ford because it is \$1,000 less. Mr. Kernan said the Ford would be purchased through Montrose Ford, but the Durango would be purchased through Fred Martin and the difference is less than \$1,000. Fred Martin is a local business and they give us a lot of support through DARE Vehicles, car washes and oil changes and he would not have a problem going with Fred Martin because it is a local business. Mr. Pelot noted we give 2% reduction of bid price for local businesses so the difference would be less. Mayor Zita stated that both are good vehicles and would work well for the City, but we gave you both options. Mr. Gainer agreed that he would prefer to buy from Fred Martin for the services they provide and are within the City, which more than makes up for the \$750 difference. Mayor Zita stated that was the Administration's preference. Mr. Kernan agreed that it was worth looking into if we can legally accept a bid that is higher than the other. Mr. Gainer noted that Ms. Whipkey verbally agreed with him about Fred Martin. Mr. Kernan asked if this could wait until further discussion. Mayor said they are trying not to use the current Zoning Department vehicle as it is. Mr. McGlone verified that it is the 2007 Jeep Cherokee and asked if it was going to be a trade in. Mr. Messner noted that it has run its course with a lot of miles and now has a lot of mechanical issues. Mr. McGlone asked about the mileage on the vehicle. It was pointed out that it had been used by a number of employees. Mayor Zita said the new car will be used primarily for the Zoning Department. Mr. Tousley stated that he likes the best deal, but this is not a deal breaker for him either. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ord #29-2019 to Council's next agenda for a first reading with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Pelot based upon the contingency of the Law Director's opinion on accepting a higher bid.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot  
Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to purchase a F-150 Truck in the amount not to exceed \$24,412.67. Mr. Messner said Mr. Hess drives a F-250, which will be given to the Service Department fleet as it is a heavier truck and he will then drive the F-150. Mr. Pelot noted this is continuing with the Service Department on a rotational basis to maintain trucks. Mr. Kernan said we have to consider the safety factor, as well. Mr. McGlone stated it is the 1999 trucks that are getting replaced and they are in poor condition as both are rotted out. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ord #30-2019 to Council's next agenda with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot  
No: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to purchase a F-250 Truck in the amount not to exceed \$27,251.30 . Mr. Kernan noted this is another truck in the rotational replacement program. Mr. Pelot noted this is an excellent price. Mr. Karant asked about the use. Mr. Messner said this will also go to the Service Department to replace one of the older 1999's. Mr. Tousley asked what will happen with the older trucks. Mr. Messner said he guessed they would be scrapped. They are probably not safe to sell and probably have no trade-in value. Mr. Kernan said we are already getting a significant reduction. Mr. Kazy stated it would be feasible to buy two F-150 trucks instead of the Durango for the Zoning Department. Then allow the Zoning Department to use one of the old Service vehicles. That will save the City \$4,000 alone. Also, he questioned why a remote starter at \$500 is needed. Mr. Messner stated Mr. Braman has gotten all of the hand downs for some time and was driving a 1999 until it had to be scrapped. Mr. Messner noted the F-250 usually gets plows put on them. Mr. Tousley stated that Mr. Kazy has a point because if you can get two F-150s instead of the Durango, which is only used on a part-time basis, as it would have a dual use for the truck. Mr. Kernan said we will have it in on first reading so there is time to look into it. Mr. Pelot noted we should not hand down one of the 1999 Service Department vehicles to another employee, but two F-150's might be a good idea. Mr. Kernan said we can look at these options. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ord #31-2019 to Council's next agenda with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call:     Yes:   Kernan, Pelot  
                  No:     None

Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Resolution R1-2019 - Mr. Gainer explained this is the ordinance approving the preliminary/final plat for the Dollar General on Cleveland-Massillon Road. He asked the Mayor if the Engineers have finished adding the information. The Mayor is not sure. Mr. Gainer stated he would like to move to send to Council next week, based on final approval of the applicant incorporating the City engineer's comments. Mr. Gainer said there were only minor engineering questions that were missing and needed to be answered, which is why it had a preliminary slash final status. Mr. Kernan noted that we will have a Public Hearing and he believed we had to have three readings so there is time to get this resolved. Mr. Pelot noted that Ms. Whipkey asked about the terminology preliminary/final and Mr. Gainer said because only minor things needed to be added, they called it that as they wanted to move it to us pending the additions being done. They wanted to pass it to Council with the stipulation that those things be taken care of and once they are received, they will be incorporated into the resolution and will change the Resolution to final. Mr. Kernan asked if it had to do with parking and Mr. Gainer said no. The questions had to do with water run-off and they needed some explanation on it. When they got the explanation, they were good with sending it on to us and Mr. Conklin suggested it be sent to us in this form with the finalization pending proof the additions were added. His impression was once these additions were added, the Planning Commission is good with it and we only have to change this to final instead of preliminary/final and move it forward. Mr. Kernan said that makes sense because once you put hardscape down, you can have water issues. Mr. Gainer added that as Mr. Kernan had asked on parking, at the last BZA meeting they had approved the change for parking and a couple other things. Mr. Pelot asked if anyone has consulted with Barberton regarding the sewer and if that intersection can handle the added

capacity. Mr. Kernan guessed this type of use would not have a significant impact. Mr. Pelot asked that it still be checked. Mr. Karant noted there is a motion on the floor and asked if we could move it forward, he would second the motion.

Roll Call: Yes: Gainer, Karant, McGlone

No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pelot asked Ms. Macomber if there is a price break in cost of advertisements for the Public Hearing if the Agricultural Districts and this were done at the same time. Ms. Macomber explained the notice for Public Hearing on Ag Districts is completed so this one would be advertised separately, but the public hearings can be held at the same time on March 11th.

Mr. Tousley discussed the closing of the Barberton jail and noted an arrangement was worked out with Barberton and Norton Administration that will keep the jail open for the next three weeks. Mr. Kernan agreed that it would be open and we have a contingency plan in the works as well.

**TOPICS FOR NEXT WORK SESSION – Monday, March 4, 2019**

A. Snow Plowing Services for Elderly

B. Cemetery Price Breakdown

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

  
Joseph Kernan, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, 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 25, 2019.

  
Kerry Macomber, CMC-Clerk of Council

**\*\*Note: these minutes are not verbatim\*\***

Original signed and approved minutes are on file with Clerk of Council.

**SIGN IN SHEET**  
**COUNCIL MEETING AND COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

The following individuals were present and spoke at the Regular Council Meeting or the Committee Work Session held on Feb 19, 2019.

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME CLEARLY:**  
**PLEASE ADDRESS COUNCIL AS A WHOLE, NOT INDIVIDUALLY**

**(PLEASE NOTE: P.O. BOX ADDRESSES ARE NOT PERMITTED)**

NAME	COMPLETE ADDRESS	WARD LOCATION	PHONE
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Approved by Council 02/02/09

