



NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019

The Regular Council Meeting was convened on Monday, November 25, 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	Justin Markey
	Paul Tousley	Robert Fowler
	Charlotte Whipkey	Ron Messner
	Scott Pelot (excused)	Kerry Macomber
	Joe Kernan	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-Reports from Standing Committees

Amend Section 242.02 of the Codified Ordinances - Mr. McGlone explained this is to amend Section 242.02, the Duties of the Fire Chief to add a paragraph that states his salary will be 5% higher than the annual maximum base salary for the next highest paid full time City Fire Department employee. Mr. Kernan noted this was done a couple of years ago for the Police Chief. Ms. Whipkey asked if it was retroactive and Mr. Markey said no, it applies going forward. Mr. McGlone moved to add Ord. No. 133-2019 to tonight’s agenda; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Amend Non-bargaining Unit Salary Rates - Mr. McGlone explained this was to increase salaries for the following non-bargaining unit employees: Administrative Officer \$84,000; Service Department Manager \$65,000; Director of Finance \$77,000; City Solicitor \$24,000. Mr. McGlone moved to add Ord. No. 134-2019 to tonight’s agenda; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kernan moved the New Business from the end of the agenda to this point in the agenda as we will be having a vote on the budget tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Review 2020 Budget – Mr. Fowler stated he would do the Service Department appropriations and budget as Mr. Hess would not be here tonight. Mr. Fowler said the Council has had readings on the equipment that will be purchased in 2020 (hot box, truck, and a highway mower on Page 23 of 64).

There was a laborer in the budget but the position was not filled. It will be included again this year in the budget. Mr. Tousley asked about the sheet that was provided for the Service Department vehicles and if there were any plans to replace any of them. Mr. Karant said that he had requested this list. Mr. Fowler said we are buying one 5-ton every year, which you have already approved, and there will be no appropriation needed beyond that. He anticipates coming to Council in the end of August for another purchase in the beginning of the next year. Mr. Fowler said the vehicle highlighted in the red is the one most likely to be replaced. They are cycling them out and the maintenance and repair budget has declined. The Service Department is good on pick-up trucks but the highway mower is what is most needed. Mr. Fowler said with the new purchase we will have six very good vehicles and one starting to decline. We were better equipped to deal with the snow last week than ever before and you all made that happen. Mr. Messner said we are scheduled to buy a F550 dump truck through Ganley and two 250 and one 150 so several have already been replaced this year. Mr. Messner said we are purchasing the Tymco Street Sweeper and the M2 is budgeted in the lease line, in addition to the other five equipment leases. The backhoe final payment is coming due. Mr. Tousley asked about Page 47 – Sanitary Sewer Fund - what was happening next year. Last year budget was \$210 and next year is \$420. Mr. Fowler said the Sewer project (\$350,000) on Greenwich was budgeted last year, but it came back significantly higher so they did not do it. We are trying again this year and it is a replacement sewer project in front of McDonalds. Mr. Tousley asked about Page 49 – the Road Fund – the budget has been increased \$45,000 but we also will be receiving gas taxes of around \$320,000. Mr. Fowler gave them a draft list that includes Wooster and Medina Line with AMATS funding for both. Also, Permissive Tax will be used and is not included here. Mr. Fowler’s intention is to bid in January and is why he gave a draft list today and they will try to stay at the \$1.2 million. Mr. Tousley asked if we are going to spend the \$300,000+ funds coming from state gas tax on roads; in other words are we going to spend \$300,000 more than we did last year. Mr. Fowler explained we have been spending more on roads than we have in the past. The Cleveland-Massillon Road project will end and we will start to pay on it next year as well. If you combine 102 with what we have projected in 170 we are exceeding the \$300,000. Mr. Tousley said he sees that the budget from 2017 is almost double. Ms. Whipkey said she didn’t believe there has ever been a time when we have gotten extra money for roads that we didn’t put it into it in one form or another even if we added extras. Mr. Fowler said last year we had \$700,000 in Blue Line money that we used and that bumped it up higher than in the past. Mr. Messner said on page 55 is the SIB Loan payment of \$231,000 coming in next year. This is a new payment that is coming due and will eat into the excess money.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 11, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 18, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Fowler said Johnson Road repaving was completed. Only 1200 feet from the bridge to Medina Line Road was not done. It will be striped tomorrow. They finished within budget so there will be no change orders. We went as far as we could on Johnson and we got a little further than originally thought. That road will be paved all the way to Medina Line. There will be no reconstruction pavement repairs, just 1 ½ inches.

Eastern Road waterline will be completed in about eight more working days. There are some that want to connect but are not part of the County, which presents a problem. Due to the Wayne County and Barberton disagreement, we are not able to serve them. Mr. Fowler indicated there is someone that definitely wants water and may become part of our community, but this would require

annexation of about 5.7 acres. It is something for Council to consider, but the gentleman on the corner definitely wants water service.

Newpark Drive has several hundred feet of pavement and he encouraged Council to stop by and see it. The road has been raised several feet so should be out of the flooding.

Mr. Fowler will seek funding for four OPWC projects and he will have the ordinance to them in January. The draft road list was distributed today and if there are roads that Council does not feel are good priorities, please let them know.

The tap in fee for the Cleveland Massillon Road project is finalized with the water fee at \$14,700 and sewer will be at \$13,700.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 128-2019

Ms. Whipkey introduced Ord. No. 128-2019 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF THE JOHNSON ROAD WATERLINE EXTENSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey said this is for the 2020 waterline for Johnson Road not to exceed \$62,000 and it needs to be passed so we can apply for an OPWC grant. It will extend down from Parkside to the old fire station in the Sherman area.

First reading only

Ord. No. 129-2019

Ms. Whipkey introduced Ord. No. 129-2019 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF THE REIMER ROAD AND CARL STREET WATERLINE EXTENSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey this extends the waterline in Loyal Oak area from Carl St to Reimer and will allow water for Loyal Oak Park, not to exceed \$26,000 and we will apply for OPWC grant.

First reading only

Ord. No. 130-2019

Ms. Whipkey introduced Ord. No. 130-2019 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REVERSIBLE SNOW PLOW RSP 10X42 TRIP EDGE PLOW AND TGS SALT/SAND SPREADER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$13,200.

Ms. Whipkey said this will go with Ord. No. 131-2019 and will replace a formerly introduced ordinance and takes care of the Service Department.

First reading only

Ord. No. 131-2019

Ms. Whipkey introduced Ord. No. 131-2019 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CENWELD CORPORATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR A 2020 FREIGHTLINER M2 106 TRUCK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey said this is not to exceed \$46,935 and is tied to the previous ordinance and this is for a 2020 purchase.

First reading only.

Ord. No. 133-2019

Mr. McGlone introduced Ord. No. 133-2019 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 242.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only

Ord. No. 134-2019

Mr. McGlone introduced Ord. No. 134-2019 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO AMEND THE CERTAIN NON-BARGAINING UNIT SALARY RATES AND WAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only .

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 126-2019

Ms. Whipkey offered Ord. No. 126-2019 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REVERSIBLE SNOW PLOW RSP 10X42 TRIP EDGE PLOW FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,093.

Ms. Whipkey stated that we are looking to waive third reading so we can get this ordered and as a spare; it will be paid out of the 2019 budget. Mr. Tousley asked if there is emergency language on the ordinance. Mr. Fowler said as long as it is passed it will give them 30 days.

Ms. Whipkey moved to waive third reading; seconded by Mr. Kernan

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

Ms. Whipkey moved to adopt Ord. NO. 126-2019; seconded by Mr. Kernan.

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

Ord. No. 127-2019

Ms. Whipkey offered Ord. No. 127-2019 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A KM 8000TEDD HOTBOX TRAILER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$29,195.

Ms. Whipkey said this is for keeping the asphalt hot and it will save us money and time and will do a better job of repairing the streets. It could possibly be used year round. It is part of the 2020 budget.

Second reading only.

Ord. No. 123-2019

Ms. Whipkey offered Ord. No. 123-2019 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey said this is for budget that we have been working on and finished earlier this evening and moved to adopt Ord. No. 123-2019; seconded by Mr. Kernan.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

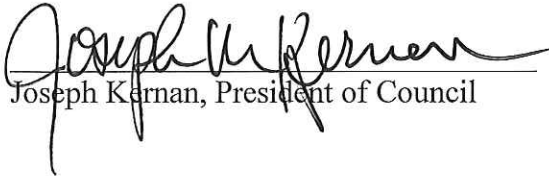
Mayor Zita announced the Christmas Tree Lighting in the park is on December 7, 2019. Please set up your tree the week prior. The Panther Tree is for those that want to add an ornament on the tree in memory of past alumni to honor or in honor of people you have gone to school with here in Norton. There are residents in the City of Norton had a tree donated by Lucas Landscaping, they have planted it in honor of Emma. We are collecting ornaments in the box at City Hall for that tree.

Mr. Kernan announced the PJ's and books collection is going well. Ms. Macomber stated the collection will go through December 9, 2019.

Mr. Gainer reminded everyone about the Wolf Creek Watershed Conservancy meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 from 6 – 8 PM at the Community Center. All are invited to attend.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.


Joseph Kernan, 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 December 9, 2019.


Kerry Macomber, 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.