

NORTON CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2004

Roll Call:	John Conklin	Also Present:	Mayor Joseph Kernan
	Brenda Hlas		Claude Collins
	Bill Mowery		Jeanne Zerga
	Dennis McGlone		Jeff Pritchard
	Scott Pelot		Mike Lyons
	James Price		Karla Richards
	Mike Zita		

The Organizational Meeting convened for a meeting on Friday, January 2, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by the Karla Richards, Clerk of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the pledge of allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Richards called for any nominations for the President of Council, which Mr. Mike Zita nominated Mr. Conklin as President. Mr. Price seconded the motion, which Mr. Conklin accepted.

Mrs. Richards asked if there were any other nominations for the President of Council, which there were none.

Roll Call: Yeas: Zita, Price, Hlas, Mowery, Pelot, McGlone, Conklin
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Conklin took the Chair as President of Council, and continued the meeting. Mr. Conklin thanked everyone for their support.

ELECTION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Conklin called for nominations for the Vice-President of Council. Mr. Price nominated Mr. McGlone as Vice President of Council, seconded by Mr. Conklin. Mr. Conklin asked if there were any other candidates for Vice-President, and Mr. Pelot nominated Mrs. Hlas, seconded by Mr. Zita. Mr. Conklin asked if there were any further nominations, which there were none. Mr. Conklin asked the members if they preferred a voice vote or secret ballot. There were no objections to a voice vote.

For the Nomination of Mr. McGlone as Vice President:

Roll Call: Yeas: Price, Conklin, McGlone
Nays: Hlas, Mowery, Pelot, Zita

Motion failed 3-4.

For the nomination of Mrs. Hlas as Vice President of Council:

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Zita, Mowery, Conklin, Hlas
Nays: McGlone, Price

Motion passed 5-2.

Mrs. Hlas took the chair as Vice-President of Council.

Mr. Conklin explained that at our Workshop session held last fall it was discussed and he believed that everyone agreed to try a Committee of the Whole format for this year, temporarily for 6 months. Mr. Conklin distributed a memo to all Council members indicated how the Committee of the Whole format would work, the tentative schedule, etc. There was discussion as to the procedures, etc, and Mrs. Hlas moved to try this format until July 12, 2004. Mr. Conklin explained that at that time Council would have to take a vote to continued with this format, and if a motion with a 2/3 vote is carried, then the Council Rules will need to be amended at that time. Mr. Pelot seconded the motion. Mr. Conklin stated that for the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole it would need to be held at 6:00 PM in order to be at the Barberton Elected Officials Dinner at 7:00 PM. All other meetings will convene at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Yeas: Hlas, Pelot, Mowery, McGlone, Price, Zita, Conklin
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Conklin explained that he will still be assigning a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Member to the different committees and assigned the following:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR	MEMBER
FINANCE	John Conklin	James Price	Brenda Hlas
PERSONNEL/RULES	Mike Zita	Dennis McGlone	Scott Pelot
PLANNING	Scott Pelot	Brenda Hlas	James Price
PROPERTY	James Price	John Conklin	Dennis McGlone
SAFETY	Bill Mowery	Mike Zita	John Conklin
SERVICE	Dennis McGlone	Scott Pelot	Bill Mowery
UTILITIES	Brenda Hlas	Bill Mowery	Mike Zita

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR	MEMBER
MINE	John Conklin	Mike Zita	Scott Pelot

Representatives to the Mosquito District:

Brenda Hlas
John Conklin
3rd to be named by the Mayor from Administration

Mrs. Hlas asked if there would be discussion as to the assignments, and Mr. Conklin stated that he spent many hours on this and he realizes that he cannot make everyone happy and that some may be upset with the assignment, however he does not intend to change this.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before it, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

John Conklin, President of Council

I, Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council of the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Meeting of Council, held on Monday, January 12, 2004.

Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council

*****THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. THE AUDIOTAPE WILL BE ARCHIVED IN THE CLERK OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE*****