



NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2005

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

Norton City Council convened for a meeting on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 7:01 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Brenda Hlas, Council President. Mrs. Hlas stated that Bob Krska, a City of Barberton Service Dept. employee was killed in an accident on the job last week. There has been a Memorial Fund set up at First Merit Bank and encouraged our community for support and prayers for their family during this tragedy. Following a salute to the flag and the pledge of allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Mr. Mowery stated that he has made arrangements with a towing company for free towing of junk cars for the residents. If any resident has a junk vehicle they would like to have towed away, they need to contact Mr. Mowery and he will make the arrangements. Mr. Mowery indicated that the towing company offered to donate ½ of what they would have charged for towing to the City of Norton at the end of the year. Mr. Conklin discussed the memo from him regarding the Cider Mill property and the potential of registering this as a Historical Landmark with a marker. Mr. Conklin has discussed this with Mr. Crawford and he is not opposed to this. Mr. Conklin requested that we discuss the Engineering Plan Review Fees on the agenda for January 18, 2004. Mr. Collins indicated that he would not be available for this meeting, but would make arrangements for someone else to be present and prepared to discuss this. Mr. Collins indicated that if his presence were required, he would ask this topic be delayed until the February 7, 2005 meeting. Mr. Conklin discussed the two ordinances for the water and access fees and felt that council may not be ready to move forward on these tonight. Mrs. Hlas asked for a motion to move these two ordinances back to Committee of the Whole for further review. Mr. Conklin moved to send Ordinance #1-2005 back to Committee, seconded by Mr. Mowery.

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

Motion passed 7-0 to send Ordinance #1-2005 back to Committee.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONTINUED:

Mr. Conklin moved to send Ordinance #2-2005 back to Committee, seconded by Mr. Mowery.

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

Motion passed 7-0 to send Ordinance #2-2005 back to Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 2004:

Mr. Zita stated there was one error under Ord # 138-2004, the contract was with Fidelity instead of AIG. The Clerk noted the change, minutes were accepted as corrected.

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2005-accepted as written.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 3, 2005-accepted as written.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jerry Hammell, a Norton resident voiced his concerns about the trash ordinance. He will be present at the meeting next Tuesday to discuss this further. Mr. Hammell stated he is against this, and felt that competition is great but a monopoly is bad news.

Mrs. Elaine Tompkins, a Norton resident congratulated the new President and Vice Present. Mrs. Tompkins voiced her concerns regarding answers to public inquiries and they should be promptly answered within 7-10 days from the request. Mrs. Tompkins cited three specific requests that have not been addressed. (#1) In October of 2003 Council's Finance Chair requested an all expense detail for the seven Bond Ratings and sales charged to the city (inclusive of legal/consulting fees). This was also to include the expense details for the six City representatives who traveled to Chicago. This was again requested in early June of 2003. (#2) There had been a request to post the minutes and summary of the Board of Control meetings to the website, to date nothing has appeared. (#3) It had been reported that all of the Brentwood benefits have been paid for or prepaid. Does this mean that all are now connected? In the event that any remain unconnected, what is the deadline/procedure to ensure compliance? Mrs. Hlas concurred with Mr. Collins that all of the benefits have been paid for with the exception of one, which is a partial benefit. Mrs. Hlas indicated that she would provide this in writing to Mrs. Tompkins.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

None

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE #139-2004

Mr. Price offered Ordinance #139-2004 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

Second reading only.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There was nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before it, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Brenda K. Hlas, 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 24, 2005.

Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council

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