

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 14, 2005-Approved as written

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mrs. Hlas convened the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM. Mr. Hlas called for anyone for the application to come forward, adding that the applicant was present and has the right to speak first. Mr. James Casteel was present and did not speak other than to state that he was present if there were any questions. Mrs. Hlas called twice more for anyone for the application, and no one came forward. Mrs. Hlas called three times for anyone against the application to come forward and no one came forward. Mrs. Hlas declared the Public Hearing closed and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting back to session.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. ????? from the Twinbrooks Garden Club came forward with a \$25.00 donation received by the Girls Scout Troop #2, and thanked the girls for their efforts. Ms. ??? stated that this \$25.00 was donated for the tree in Columbia Woods Park for our first woman Mayor-Amy L. Addis.

Mr. Norman Kendall, a Norton resident spoke regarding documents he handed out to Council regarding the septic, past building permits, inspections for heating and electrical for his property on Clark Mill Road. Mr. Kendall discussed the fact that he finally got the variances passed for the lot splits. Mr. Kendall stated that he met with Mr. Lemon recently regarding problems or disputes with the Stonewick Development and he believed these are corrected now. Mr. Kendall stated that the city cannot tell him he has to connect to water and sewer, he will only do it if he wants to. Mr. Kendall stated that he intends to a well and septic on this property.

Mr. Gilbert Chaney, a Norton resident spoke regarding the trash haulers. Mr. Chaney gave cited the Websters Dictionary for the definition of trash, and read the 4th Amendment. Mr. Chaney also stated that with the current laws on the books right now a person could go to jail and pay a \$500.00 fine for not having trash service, and wondered if the residents were aware of this. Mr. Chaney stated that this is nothing more than legalized extortion.

Mr. Keith Hetrick, a Norton resident commented about the license tax ordinance, and offered a suggestion. Mr. Hetrick wanted Council to consider making this affect only those residents in the City of Norton that are not paying income tax, adding that we are hitting hard at those residents who already pay city taxes. Mr. Hetrick discussed the proposed Local Government Fund tax cuts and encouraged Mayor Kernan to get together with other mayors and hit Columbus where it hurts.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

RES #28-2005

Mr. Pelot offered Resolution #28-2005 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4441 JOHNSON ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Pelot discussed the reason for the application was to prevent a financial burden on the property owner when public utilities are available for this area. Mr. Pelot moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Conklin.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Resolution #28-2005, seconded by Mr. Conklin.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

ORD. #27-2005

Mr. Conklin offered Ordinance #27-2005 as amended for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE T ADOPT A FIVE DOLLAR PER MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4504.172.

First reading only.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Kernan commented on Mr. Hetrick's concerns regarding the proposed State cuts. Mayor Kernan stated that he has discussed this in detail with State Representative Williams and other legislators and he will be continuing his efforts to put the pressure on Columbus. Mayor Kernan discussed Mr. Chaney's concerns regarding the current trash ordinance, and stated that it is not his intention to throw residents in jail for not having a trash hauler.

Mr. Pritchard stated that he would be submitting a request to Council for a resolution in connection to a grant he is working on for the Wolf Creek/Pigeon Creek Corridor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Mowery asked Mayor Kernan and Administration the status of the NES Plant and the Akron General Medical facility. Mr. Collins indicated that he had new contact information and would forward this to Mr. Mowery.

Mrs. Hlas stated that March 31st is the deadline for the Cider Mill property to make the required repairs to the structure. Mrs. Hlas stated that as of this date, nothing has been done and no plans have been submitted to the city. Mrs. Hlas asked that the Building Dept. keep on top of this and enforce this requirement.

Mr. Conklin reminded Council Members of the zoning seminar tomorrow evening at 6 PM here in Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Mowery stated that he has a buyer interested in the property on the corner of Butternut and Driftwood. This is one of the vacant properties that had noxious weeds, which the city had to

address. Mr. Collins offered Mr. Mowery a contact person at the real estate agency to facilitate the process. Mr. Mowery stated that in light of the pending decision about dissolving the Barberton Health District; he has contacted the Summit County Health Department to get some facts about the City of Norton contracting with them.

Mr. Pelot discussed the possibility of setting up reciprocity with other communities for Norton residents. Mr. Pelot felt if Akron, Barberton, Wadsworth and other cities are charging our residents tax for working there, these cities should have to give some of this money back to the City of Norton. Mr. Lyons strongly suggested that he does not approve nor encourage the city pursue this option.

Mrs. Hlas discussed House Bill #432 that was signed by Gov. Aft and goes into effect on April 18, 2005. Mrs. Hlas wanted to have this draft legislation prepared and ready for discussion on the April 18, 2005 Committee of the Whole. Mrs. Hlas indicated that she wanted the legislation to state 5 ¢ per yard and to take effect on 7-1-05.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 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 Council Meeting held on March 28, 2005.

Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council

Date approved: April 11, 2005

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