



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006**

Roll Call:	Ken Braman	Also Present:
	Tom Jones	Claude Collins
	Dennis McGlone	Jeff Pritchard
	Bill Mowery	Mike Lyons
	Scott Pelot-Excused	Karla Richards
	James Price	
	Mike Zita	

The Regular Council Meeting convened for a meeting on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7:02 PM, in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Michael Zita-President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Mr. Zita moved to add Ordinance #14-2006 to tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. Zita explained the need to suspend the second and third readings and as emergency. The reason for this was because the Equalization Board convenes this Thursday and one member previously appointed cannot serve. This Ordinance appoints Mr. Bob Adams as the new member.

Roll Call: Yeas: Zita, Price, Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 9, 2006: Mr. Jones discussed a correction on page # 1 under Committee of the Whole. The last sentence in the second paragraph should read: Mr. Jones stated that he was a former employee of that railroad. Mr. Jones stated he discussed this with the Clerk of Council and the corrections have been noted. The minutes of January 9, 2006 are accepted as corrected.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 17, 2006-Accepted as written

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Don Luscher, Executive Director for Stewart's Caring Place was present and thanked Mayor Kernan for the invitation to come and share their information with our community. Mr. Luscher have a brief power point presentation to the audience explaining their services they provide to cancer patients and their families. Mr. Luscher stated that all funding is by donations and fundraisers. Everything at their facility has been donated from the paint on the walls to labor, furniture, computers, etc.. Mr. Luscher stated that one big fundraiser is a mock election held each year. It's \$1.00 fee to cast your vote for area Mayors. Mr. Jones inquired as to the Mayors that have volunteered. Mr. Luscher listed the nine Mayors (see Exhibit A) that are participating.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

RES #4-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Res. #4-2006 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT A JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION GRANT FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES TO BE USED TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF AN ENHANCED EMERGENCY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

First reading only.

ORD #5-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #5-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND/OR LEASE 911 SYSTEM EMERGENCY CALL EQUIPMENT FROM SBC CAPITAL SERVICES FOR USE BY THE NORTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

First reading only.

ORD #6-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord #6-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2006 FORD F-550 CAB AND CHASSIS FROM VALLEY FORD TRUCK SALES UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NORTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. McGlone moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Jones, Braman, Mowery, Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord #6-2006, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Jones, Braman, Mowery, Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LIGISLATION CONTINUED:

ORD #7-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #7-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HENDERSON MODEL MARK THREE, NINE FOOT STAINLESS STEEL DUMP BODY WITH SNOW PLOW PACKAGE FROM THE GLEDHILL ROAD MACHINERY COMPANY UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NORTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. McGlone moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. McGlone stated that the truck is in this year's budget, and the estimate is only good for so long. Mr. Collins indicated that vehicle is on hold and if we wait on this and have to order the vehicle, it may take several months for another one to come in once it has been ordered. Mr. Price added that he understood this vehicle was on the lot and ready to go. Mr. Jones stated that with the combination of these two ordinances the approximate total costs is \$61,631.00. Mr. Jones inquired if there would be any money left over for additional trucks? Mr. Collins stated no, any extra funds would be going into a road program. Mr. Mowery stated that this vehicle is the Cadillac of snowplows and a good investment for the city and should serve the city well.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Jones, Braman, Mowery, Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #7-2006, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Jones, Braman, Mowery, Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #8-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #8-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE AFSCME SERVICE WORKERS OF THE CITY OF NORTON.

First reading only.

ORD #9-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #9-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE AFSCME OFFICE AND CLERICAL WORKERS OF THE CITY OF NORTON.

First reading only.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION CONTNUED:

RES #10-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Res. #10-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO NATURE WORKS PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. McGlone moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. McGlone stated that Mr. Pritchard needs this resolution in order to submit for the grant, and there is a time limit to apply for the grant.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Price, Braman, Jones, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Res. #10-2006, seconded by Mr. Price.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Price, Braman, Jones, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0

ORD #11-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #11-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE URS ENGINEERING COMPANY TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINES ALONG HARTZELL DRIVE, LONG DRIVE, THE EAST SIDE OF THE CREEK ALONG PARKWAY BOULEVARD, AND WILBUR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTON, AND FURTHER KNOWN AS GARDNER BOULEVARD AREA PHASE III.

First reading only.

RES #12-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Res. #12-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT A NECESSITY TO REPLACE WATER LINES ALONG HARTZELL DRIVE, LONG DRIVE, THE EAST SIDE OF THE CREEK ALONG PARKWAY BOULEVARD, AND WILBUR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTON, AND FURTHER KNOWN AS GARDNER BOULEVARD AREA PHASE III, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) TO HELP FUND THIS PROJECT AND EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS WITH THE (OPWC) TO OBTAIN AVAILABLE FUNDING.

First reading only.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION CONTINUED:

RES #13-2006

Mr. Braman offered Res. #13-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO CONTINUE THE PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4379 GREENWICH ROAD, NORTON, OHIO IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only. Mr. Zita stated that a Public hearing would take place on February 13, 2006 at 7:15 PM.

ORD #14-2006

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #14-2006 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 104-2005 APPOINTING AN ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD TO HEAR OBJECTIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS, HYDRANTS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE GARDNER BOULEVARD PHASE II WATERLINE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord #14-2006, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

II. INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

ORD #1-2006

Mr. Braman offered ordinance #1-2006 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION PROPOSED BY JOHNSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THROUGH ITS AGENT, MR. ED SAUS, KNOWN AS 3409 JOHNSON ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 4603677 AND 4608199.

Second reading only.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION CONTINUED:

ORD #2-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #2-2006 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$85,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS (JOHNSON ROAD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only.

ORD #3-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #3-2006 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$100,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only.

ORD #89-2005

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #89-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO, OF THE STREET KNOWN AS BROOKHAVEN DRIVE IN THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS THE KNOLLBROOK SUBDIVISION, FOR USE AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY AND THE PUBLIC.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #89-2005, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Braman stated that this is a short street in the Knollbrook Subdivision with a paved culdesac and is ready for building. Mr. Pritchard stated that this section of the project was delayed due to the water course and wetland areas, and this had to go through the Army Corp. of Engineers process. This area has been approved by the city Engineer. Mr. Pritchard stated that he and the Street Superintendent walked this area many times and the developer made the necessary adjustments the city requested. Mr. Pritchard stated that no homes/lots could be sold until the road has been accepted by the city. Mr. Zita clarified that this road is complete, all improvements have been made and is ready for new construction.

ORD #92-2005

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #92-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OSBORN ENGINEERING COMPANY TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 1880 FEET OF WATER LINES ALONG WADSWORTH ROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 4300 FEET OF WATER LINES ALONG BERRY ROAD AND MCGOWAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTON.

Ord. #92-2005 Continued:

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #92-2005, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. McGlone stated that Osborn Engineering has submitted the proposal and plans at a cost not to exceed \$37,600.00.

Roll Cal: Yeas: McGlone, Price, Braman, Jones, Mowery, Zita.
 Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

RES #93-2005

Mr. McGlone offered Res. #93-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT A NECESSITY TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 1880 FEET OF WATER LINES ALONG WADSWORTH ROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 4300 FEET OF WATER LINES ALONG BERRY ROAD AND McGOWAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTON, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) TO HELP FUND THIS PROJECT AND EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS WITH THE OPWC TO OBTAIN AVAILABLE FUNDING.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Res. #93-2005, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. McGlone stated that 50% of the costs for this project would be assessed to the residents.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Price, Braman, Jones, Mowery, Zita
 Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #94-2005

Mr. McGlone offered Ordinance #94-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NORTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1066.01 TO INCLUDE THE FORMER RAILROAD LINE BETWEEN SUMMIT ROAD AND AKRON-WADSWORTH ROAD AS PART OF THE CITY'S PARK SYSTEM TO BE KNOWN AS THE WOLF CREEK/PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #94-2005, seconded by Mr. Braman. Mr. McGlone stated that earlier this year the city acquired this abandoned railroad line, which will become part of the city's hike and bike trails. Mr. Jones inquired if the sections from Barber Road to Summit Road had been purchased? Mr. Pritchard stated no, however it is under private ownership.

Roll call: Yeas: McGlone, Braman, Price, Mowery, Zita
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Jones

Motion passed 5-0-1

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION CONTINUED:

ORD #96-2005

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #96-2006 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NORTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240 – *DIVISION OF POLICE*, TO MAKE BENEFITS AND SALARY CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PERSONNEL ORDINANCE, ELIMINATE ARCHAIC PROVISIONS AND GENERALLY UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. 96-2005, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Braman stated that this is basically a housekeeping ordinance. Mr. Collins stated that over the years there have been some organizational changes in the Police Dept. through union contracts. These ordinances now reflect the changes.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Price, Zita
 Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #97-2005

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #97-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NORTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 242 – *DIVISION OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES*, TO CLARIFY THE CRITERIA FOR THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF, MAKE BENEFITS AND SALARY CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PERSONNEL ORDINANCE, AND ELIMINATE THE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE SECTION WHICH IS GOVERNED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #97-2005, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Braman stated that this is the same as Ord. #96-2005, only that this ordinance pertains to the Division of Fire and EMS. Mr. Collins stated this was correct, it also addresses the criteria for the Fire Chief and makes it more in line with the Police Chief.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Price, Zita
 Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #98-2005

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #98-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NORTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 258 – *EMPLOYEES GENERALLY*, TO MAKE THE GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES MORE CONSISTENT WITH BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES, TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT POLICIES AND TO OTHERWISE CLARIFY EMPLOYMENT TERMS.

Ord. #98-2005 Continued:

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #98-2005, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Braman stated that this is basically the same as the two previous ordinances, only this one deals with employees generally. Mr. Collins stated that this one is a little more comprehensive, and there were a lot of changes to it. Mr. Collins stated that some of the language was from the 1960's, some was illegal and out of date.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #99-2005

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. #99-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NORTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 406 – *TRAFFIC CONTROL*, TO BRING THE CHAPTER MORE IN LINE WITH THE DUTIES OF THE SAFETY DIRECTOR AS SET FORTH IN THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Mr. Mowery moved to adopt Ord. #99-2005, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. Mowery clarified that the content of this legislation would bring the duties of the Safety Director and Administrator together since they wear the same hat. Mr. Collins stated the previous ordinance had a committee composed of the Service Director, Municipal Engineer, and Chief of Police. The Safety Director was not included as a part of this, even though it falls under his title. This is now rewritten to include the Safety Director.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Price, Braman, Jones, McGlone, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Collins informed Council that the AFSCME Clerical & Service Dept., voted down their union contract, which we had a tentative agreement on. Mr. Collins stated that later next week the unions will have another meeting regarding this. Mr. Collins stated he was unclear what the issues are, however, he was told the spousal portion of the insurance may have been an issue. Mr. Collins suggested that Council keep this on their agenda and if this needs to be modified or changed, he would let Council know.

Mr. Pritchard stated that once he received the signed legislation regarding Nature Works grant application, he would get this in the mail as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. McGlone clarified some comments made at a previous meeting by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones had stated that he thought the salary for Council was still at \$6,000.00 when he left Council, and that it was raised after he left. Mr. McGlone stated he received a few phone calls from residents after this was stated and they were concerned Council gave themselves a raise without everyone knowing about it. Mr. McGlone explained that the only way Council can have a raise is to be voted on. You must be a newly elected official, there are no mid-term raises. Mr. McGlone stated that a few years ago when this took effect, some of us were making were making \$6,000.00 and some were making \$7,500.00 McGlone stated that he asked the Clerk to research this in order to clarify the facts.

Old Business Continued:

The facts are as follows: April 19, 2001 Mr. Jones recommended the following salary increases- Council President \$7,500.00, Mayor \$11,250.00, passed 2-0.

At the Regular Council meeting of May 14, 2001, Mr. Kernan moved to suspend the third reading and adopt, seconded by Mr. Jones. This motion passed by a vote of 7-0. On May 24, 2001 Mayor Addis vetoed this ordinance stating that it was improper to do so. At the Regular Council meeting on April 29, 2001, Council reconsidered this ordinance, and overrode the Mayors veto, motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Mowery being the only nay vote. Mr. McGlone stated that he wanted to bring this up to let the residents know we did not sneak in a salary increase for Council, and that he was not picking on Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones stated he was glad Mr. McGlone brought this up, and he did recall the issue with the Mayor's recall and the higher salary for the Mayor. Mr. Jones stated that he was taken by surprise and that he forgot he even voted for this.

Mr. Collins discussed the third request from Cingular Cell Tower to adjust their contract. Mr. Collins stated that shortly after the Committee meeting on 1-17-06 he informed Cingular representatives that Council again decided to say thanks-but no thanks. Mr. Collins stated that Mr. Boddye contacted him the very next morning and wanted to send us one more last ditch offer for this. Mr. Boddye stated he was surprised it was still on their table, they usually resolve these in three or four months. Mr. Collins stated the latest package was presented with lower rent of \$14,322.22 (almost \$2,000.00 per year) and this has no escalation. However after 5 years they offer a 5% increase with a rent guarantee of 49 months. There was discussion on this and Mr. McGlone questioned the 5% increase and if that would start now or when the first 5 years is up. Mr. Zita asked Mr. Collins how he felt about this and Mr. Collins stated he would take the gamble and say no thanks. Mr. Pritchard reminded Council that we are in the average range with rent by comparison, and certainly not above the norm, however it is Council's decision. Mr. Zita reminded everyone the revenue received from the rental is being used for park improvements. Mr. Zita stated that it basically comes down to this-are we willing to gamble with updating our parks system? Mr. Collins stated this was correct, it's a matter of currently getting \$19,000.00 a year versus receiving \$17,000.00 plus a year and for 49 months, which is \$70,000.00 plus. Mr. Jones stated that since Mr. Pelot was not present, he felt we should hold off on this decision until he is present. Mr. Mowery stated that maybe we should think about the potential loss of income. Mr. Price stated that he was not ready to vote on this tonight. Mr. McGlone stated that he just did some quick calculations and if we are going to loose \$2,000.00 per year for the next five years the total is \$10,000.00. Then add in the escalation, which is \$3,000.00 for a total of \$13,000.00 we could loose. Mr. McGlone stated that we could get \$70,000.00 for sure, and he would hate to see us loose the \$70,000.000 and get nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Jones discussed Mr. Collins' memo regarding the shooting of geese in Columbia Woods Park. Mr. Collins stated that an opportunity was presented to remove/shoot the geese at no cost to the city. Mr. Collins stated that the Parks Board had discussed this nuisance in the past and considered buying some expensive pellets to rid the geese from the park. Mr. Collins stated that hunting is safe and effective, and costs nothing. The Police Department is notified before the hunters come into the park. The park is clear of and residents and is done in a safe and professional manner.

Mr. Price inquired on the status of the position for the Finance Director. Mr. Collins stated that two more applicants were just interviewed today. Mr. Collins stated that he hoped there would be a decision later next week.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Zita reminded everyone about the annual Council/Administration Workshop scheduled for Sat. February 4, 2006, and urged everyone to attend. Mr. Zita stated there would be representatives from the Norton School District, Road TAC and a presentation by a licensed Parliamentarian.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

Michael Zita, 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 January 23, 2006

Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council

Date approved: February 13, 2006

****THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. THE AUDIOTAPE WILL BE
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