



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006**

Roll Call:	Ken Braman	Also Present:
	Tom Jones	Mayor Joseph Kernan
	Dennis McGlone	Claude Collins
	Bill Mowery	John Moss
	Scott Pelot (Excused)	Jeff Pritchard
	James Price	Mike Lyons
	Mike Zita	Karla Richards

The Regular Council Meeting convened for a meeting on Monday, April 24, 2006 at 7:00 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 table Ord. #41-2006 until the May 8, 2006 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Braman. Mr. Zita explained the need table this is due to a recent letter the city received from AMATS expressing their concerns regarding the traffic study that was done for this project. Mr. Zita asked Mr. Pritchard to elaborate on this issue. Mr. Pritchard stated that AMATS has suggested adding some turn lanes at full build out. Mr. Pritchard stated that AMATS indicates this area has also been identified as a high accident area, and we just need to make sure we have addressed all areas properly

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

Motion passed 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 10, 2006 were approved as written.
Minutes of the Property Committee Meeting of April 12, 2006 were approved as written.
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 17, 2006 were approved as written

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jim Kun, a Norton resident and the owner of the Norton Pub, discussed his concerns with NCO 1042.03-Connection to the sanitary sewer required. Mr. Kun asked Council to delay this action until a later date when he can afford to connect. Mr. Kun stated that the Barberton Health District is taking legal action with him if he does not connect by July 3, 2006. Mr. Kun indicated that he has an appeal process started and the first hearing is April 27, 2006. Mr. Kun indicated that this requirement to connect would cost him \$25,600.00 to complete, and wondered where does a small business owner come up with that kind of money? Mr. Kun stated that he has spent over \$20,000.00 on a new parking lot, new equipment and minor repairs. Mr. Kun stated that he has provided health care insurance for all of his employees, and was recently informed he would be facing a 12% increase on his premiums effective this July. Mr. Kun discussed the various expenses for permit fees between the City of Barberton, the City of Norton, and Summit County totaling \$17,159.44. Mr. Kun stated he has a contractors quote of \$8,500.00 to connect to the sewers for a grand total of \$25,659.44.

Communications from the Public continued:

Mr. Kun stated that it saddens him to know that it could all be over very soon, and he has put a lot of time and money into his business. Mr. Kun stated that the City of Norton would like for this to happen along with himself—it's called improvements, and for the City of Barberton it's called income.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:-None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

ORD #42-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #42-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE NOMINAL EXPENDITURES FOR REFRESHMENTS OR MEALS TO BE SERVED AT VARIOUS EVENTS, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. McGlone moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. McGlone stated that the reason for the suspension is that we have some employees waiting to be reimbursed for expenses. Mr. McGlone stated that this legislation states nominal expenses for public workshops is not to exceed \$40.00, and not to exceed \$2.00 per person for scheduled departmental meetings.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #42-2006, seconded by Mr. Price.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #44-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #44-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE, FOR THE PLAN YEAR MAY 1, 2006 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2007, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. McGlone moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. McGlone stated that the reason for the suspension is due to the fact that the city's property insurance expires on April 30, 2006.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #44-2006 continued:

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #44-2006, seconded by Mr. Price.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION CONTINUED:

ORD #45-2006

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #45-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NORTON ADMINISTRATIVE CODE UTILITIES REGULATIONS, SECTION 1040, BY REPEALING SECTION 1040.02.

First reading only.

ORD #46-2006

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #46-2006 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH THE FLOYD BROWN GROUP TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER LINES FROM 3916 CLEVELAND MASSILLON ROAD NORTH TO NORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND FROM THIS LINE WEST TO THE BRENTWOOD WATER PLANT, AND A LOOP CONNECTION ALONG GREENRIDGE ROAD EASTERLY TO DURHAM DRIVE, AND ALONG DURHAM DRIVE TO THE EXISTING WATER MAIN AT BROOKFIELD DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTON, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO APPLY FOR AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT

First reading only.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

Note: Ord. #41-2006 was tabled until May 8, 2006 during the beginning of this meeting.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Kernan stated that the City of Norton has fixed a price for natural gas of \$9.26 (Mcf) through Direct Energy, which takes effect from June to December of 2006. Mayor Kernan stated that we locked in now because of the volatility of the energy market. Mayor Kernan stated that we have reached a tentative agreement with AFSCME Service & Clerical units, and would be forwarding this to council shortly.

Mr. Collins concurred regarding the union agreement, adding that this Friday we also have the Police Dept. Union conciliation meeting.

Ms. Barbara Vimont, Chair of the Charter Review Commission was present and gave a brief report of what they intend to achieve. Ms. Vimont indicated that the current charter is full of language that normal people don't use, and they are trying to simplify and clarify it so that people can understand it. Ms. Vimont stated that they want to get more community input, they have held two meetings so far and no one from the community has attended. Ms. Vimont indicated that they intend to do more advertising on the city web page, and any other forms of media or advertising. Ms. Vimont stated that the next Charter Review Commission would be on May 3, 2006 at 6:00 in Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Jones stated that on April 3, 2006 he had questioned Mr. Collins about vacating a street in the Wooddale area from Easton to Rangeley. Mr. Jones stated that he had asked Mr. Pritchard to look into this and inquired if this was done. Mr. Pritchard stated that he has not looked into this because it was his understanding that Mr. Jones was to provide him with further information. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Pritchard to inform these residents on how to proceed with this.

NEW BUSINESS:-None

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Kernan stated that Summit County Council has declared April 30, 2006 through May 6, 2006 as Municipal Clerk's Week. Mayor Kernan thanked Karla for the good job she does as our Clerk of Council, and to Ann Campbell-Dep. Clerk of Council who also handles the web page and the video booth. Mayor Kernan then stated that they both do a great job and the community owes them a lot. Mayor Kernan reminded everyone one last time about the Clean Up Norton Day this Saturday, April 29, 2006. Mayor Kernan stated that in accordance with the contract with J & J Refuse, they have set a date of May 27, 2006 for large appliance and scrap metal pickup. Mayor Kernan stated that the items should be placed on your curb the night before. Mayor Kernan announced the following are non-collectable items: paint, gasoline, oil, led acid batteries, tires, stumps, rocks, stone, concrete, asphalt, large automotive parts, hazardous waste and similar items are not accepted.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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 May 8, 2006

Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council
Date approved: May 8, 2006

These minutes are not verbatim. The audio tape will be archived in the Clerk of Council's office.