



NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

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

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:03 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by James Price, President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. McGlone moved to remove Ord. #81-2006 from being tabled and add to tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. McGlone stated that this was tabled in order to avoid being placed on a Special Election, along with Ord. #82-2006 and #83-2006. Mr. McGlone stated that these ordinances would now appear on the ballot for the General Election on November 6, 2007.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to remove Ord. #82-2006 from being tabled and add to tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Zita.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to remove Ord. #83-2006 from being tabled and add to tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Braman.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2007-Mr. Jones called for a correction in the order of roll call under the President of Council, he made the motion and should be listed first. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 11, 2006-Accepted as written.

Minutes of the Committee Work Session of December 7, 2006-Accepted as written with Mr. Jones abstaining because he was not present for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2007 SCHEDULE AND COUNCIL RULES:

Mr. Price asked if there were any objections to approving the 2007 meeting schedule or the current version of Council Rules. Mr. Zita stated that he would like to see incorporated into the 2007 Schedule and Council Rules, the annual Council and Administration Saturday Workshop sometime in February to insure that this always takes place each year. Mr. Zita stated that he felt this was an important meeting to set goals for the coming year. Mr. Price stated that the exact date would be discussed at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Don Weigand, a Norton resident, discussed a family story and their struggles with finances with a new child on the way. Mr. Weigand stated that this family made some adjustments to meet their needs and related this to Council and that they need to at least listen and review all of the dollars being spent for city services. Mr. Weigand stated that Council needs to at least listen to the proposal from the Summit County Sheriff. This does not mean we would accept it as gospel, however, you should not be afraid to at least look and listen. Mr. Weigand stated that all he is asking is to look at what you are currently spending and listen to the proposal.

Mr. Art Johnson, a Norton resident, spoke regarding a problem he has had for over a year with getting a culvert cleared on his property to keep his property from being flooded. Mr. Johnson stated that he is officially putting the city on notice that as a result, he is getting substantial damage to his concrete driveway. Mr. Johnson stated that he has made at least four (4) attempts with the Supt. of the Service Dept., to no avail. Mr. McGlone indicated that this would be submitted to Mr. Collins first thing in the morning.

Ms. Megan Booth, a Norton resident, spoke regarding her concerns on the validity of the Mayors signature when he was not living within the city. Ms. Booth stated that maybe now is the time to have these documents countersigned by someone else before this becomes a problem later on. Ms. Booth stated that she was concerned about this and wants to be proud to live in this city and wants to be assured that things get done properly.

Ms. Charlotte Whipkey, a Norton resident, congratulated and welcomed our new Council President-Mr. Price and Vice President-Mr. McGlone. Ms. Whipkey spoke about Ord. # 83-2006 and asked Council to please turn this down. Ms. Whipkey stated that initially she had no problem with this Charter change involving our Law Director. Ms. Whipkey stated that once this is taken out of the Charter and put somewhere else, its too easy to manipulate it and the people would no longer have a voice in this. Ms. Whipkey discussed the residency issue with the Mayor. Ms. Whipkey stated that we need to forget about putting this kind of legislation out there for the voters to consider, just leave the Charter the way it was with this issue.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONTINUED:

Ms. Whipkey stated that we have all heard that the Mayor is living in the city and she has a real problem with being asked to sign up with her name and address every time she comes to speak. Ms. Whipkey stated the people of Norton would like proof of where the Mayor now lives, he supposedly has signed a lease, and asked the Mayor to show the public his lease and make it public. Mayor Kernan replied that his address is 3757 S. Cleveland Massillon Road, Apt #12-B, Norton. Mayor Kernan stated that after the meeting he would wait in the lobby for five (5) minutes if anyone wished to follow him to his apartment to prove that he actually lives there. Mayor Kernan stated that he would not release his rental agreement any more than he would release his mortgage agreement. Furthermore, Mayor Kernan stated that he also owns real estate property located at 3519 Eastern Road, also in Norton. Mayor Kernan stated that he has two residences in Norton and that he lives in Norton.

PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION-None

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

ORD #81-2006 **Second Reading:**

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #81-2006 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 6.03(A) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTON TO ADD AN ALTERNATE AT LARGE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS TO PARTICIPATE AS A VOTING MEMBER ONLY IN THE ABSENCE OF ONE OF THE FIVE REGULAR MEMBERS.

Second reading only and would appear on the November 6, 2007 ballot.

ORD #82-2006 **Second Reading:**

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #82-2006 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 6.02(B) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTON TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITY TO INCORPORATE A COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN TO BE MAINTAINED AND PERIODICALLY REVISED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL. (MCGLONE-VICE PRESIDENT)

Second reading only, and would appear on the November 6, 2007 ballot.

ORD #83-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #83-2006 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 5.04 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTON TO SIMPLIFY THE LANGUAGE THAT DEFINES THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE SOLICITOR AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW.

Second reading, and would appear on the November 6, 2007 ballot.

ORD #95-2006

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #95-2006 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 6.05 AND 6.06 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTON TO MERGE THE NOW SEPARATE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND CEMETERY BOARD INTO A SINGLE PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #95-2006, seconded by Mr. Braman

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no reports offered.

Mr. Lyons clarified that Council Rules state when regular meetings are held. Mr. Zita further clarified that every year in the beginning of each year we try to set up a one day Saturday Workshop and that he intended to have that date, when it is selected, added to the approved 2007 Schedule and incorporated into the Council Rules.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jones inquired about the recent sale of the two (2) police cruisers and asked where do the proceeds from the sale go? Mayor Kernan stated that he believed it goes back into the General Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zita asked Mr. Price to announce the 2007 Standing Committee line up. Mr. Price announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR	MEMBER
FINANCE	Tom Jones	James Price	Dennis McGlone
PERSONNEL/RULES	Dennis McGlone	Mike Zita	Scott Pelot
PLANNING	Ken Braman	Bill Mowery	Mike Zita
PROPERTY	Mike Zita	Ken Braman	James Price
SAFETY	Bill Mowery	Scott Pelot	Tom Jones
SERVICE	Scott Pelot	Dennis McGlone	Bill Mowery
UTILITIES	James Price	Tom Jones	Ken Braman

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR	MEMBER
MINE	Ken Braman	Tom Jones	James Price

New Business continued:

Mr. Pelot asked Mr. Johnson to provide Mayor Kernan with his phone number for follow up on his issue with the culvert on his property.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Price to address the public sign in sheet. Mr. Price stated that there are a few new rules here. One rule is to address Council as a whole. Mr. Price also asked everyone to be respectful and we are going to try to be more professional and show more kindness to the residents, and would asked that the residents do the same.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before it, Council adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

James Price, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-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 22, 2007.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

*****THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM *****