

City of
NORTON
NORTON CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Committee Work Session was convened on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:02 PM as a remote meeting, pursuant to H.B. #197. The meeting was called to order by Joe Kernan, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call:	Jack Gainer	Also Present:
	Dennis McGlone	Mayor Zita
	Dan Karant	Robert Fowler
	Paul Tousley	Pam Keener
	Charlotte Whipkey	Justin Markey
	Scott Pelot (excused)	Kerry Macomber
	Joe Kernan	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Certification of Tax Levy – Ms. Whipkey reported that this legislation is boilerplate in that it is done every year to recognize the tax levies like the Fire Department and the General Levy. The only question she has is if it requires three readings. Ms. Keener replied that it does not need three readings and it is not due until November. Mr. Kernan remarked that it just needs to get done. Mr. Markey further explained this is the certification and the County won't levy the taxes owed to Norton until we move it along. We can waive readings and it does not need emergency language. Ms. Whipkey moved to add Res. No. 085-2020 to Council's next Agenda and to waive second and third readings; seconded by Mr. Kernan.

Roll Call: Yes: Whipkey, Kernan
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Annexation Chippewa Township Statement of Services - Mr. Kernan reported that Chippewa Township has requested we annex parcels at the end of Hametown Road. They want to put businesses in there but they need water which we have and Chippewa does not. If we annex, we will get the tax revenue. Mr. Fowler said they need three small parcels and this is the first of two projects. Mr. Kernan said this is why we added the waterline because we will gain some tax revenue for City of Norton and tap-in fees. Ms. Whipkey asked if this was across from the Dollar Store on Eastern and Mr. Fowler answered affirmatively. Mr. Kernan moved to add Res. No. 086-2020 to Council's next Agenda; seconded by Mr. Tousley.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Tousley, Gainer
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

KDA Access Agreement 28th St SW – Mr. Kernan explained KDA is looking to add office space to their building and they need access from 28th Street. Mr. Fowler added that they had considered several options. This is a paper street and we will have no obligation to maintain it, plow it, etc. in the contract. Mr. Kernan said this is another business opportunity to give Norton tax revenue. Mr. Tousley asked if this would be access for tractor trailers and Mr. Fowler said no, just office workers outside of the initial construction. Mr. Tousley asked if this would impact the mess at Union Street. Mr. Fowler said this is two parcels further north and is adjacent to the park. Mr. Fowler will provide a better map for Council to see the area. He said 28th Street is a short street with one house and garage in Norton and everything else is in Barberton. This legislation can go three readings. Mr. Gainer noted that in the Agreement, it reads that at the end of 20 years, KDA would no longer have to maintain 28th Street. He asked who will be responsible for Articles 1 through 6. Mr. Markey said under the Agreement, the driveway will become Norton’s property. Mr. Fowler disagreed stating that it should remain with KDA. Mr. Markey will look into this and report back to Council. Mr. Gainer stated he understood that we do not accept roads that are not up to standard and this would not be. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ord. No. 087-2020 to Council’s next Agenda for a first reading; seconded by Mr. Tousley.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Tousley, Gainer
No: None

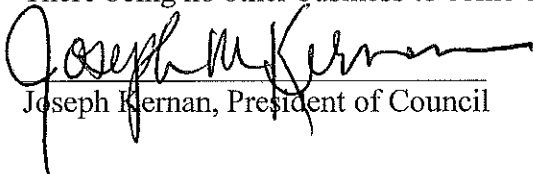
Motion passed unanimously.

TOPICS FOR NEXT WORK SESSION – Monday, September 21, 2020

- A. Brookside Golf Course Development Process – Mr. Markey will complete this before the next meeting.
- B. Political signs within City Right-of-Way – Mr. Gainer noted his concerns about a political sign with vulgar language and questioned the legality of placing them in the City Right-of-Way. It was discussed and decided that the Zoning Inspector will investigate to determine the location and if it is in the right-of-way. Mr. Kernan cautioned that political speech is free speech and we should request voluntary compliance. Mr. Fowler stated Mr. Braman has made a couple of unsuccessful attempts to contact the owner and will try again. Mr. Markey suggested this conversation needed removed from the Council floor.
- C. Signs on Telephone Poles – Mr. Gainer asked about signs on telephone poles and Mr. Kernan requested that Mr. Markey provide an opinion as to the legality of utilizing telephone poles for signage.
- D. Storm Water Fees – Mr. Karant asked about the possibility of legislation to create a fund or method of handling storm water. It should probably go to ballot at some time, but he believed it needed some discussion. Mr. Kernan will discuss with Administration to determine if this should be introduced for Council review.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.


Joseph Kernan, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2020.

Kerry Macomber
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

NOTE: These minutes are not verbatim.
Original signed and approved minutes are on file with the Clerk of Council.