



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

Roll Call: Scott Pelot  
Dennis McGlone  
Dennis Pierson  
Paul Tousley  
Charlotte Whipkey  
Rick Rodgers

Also Present:  
Mayor Mike Zita  
Valerie Wax Carr  
Ron Messner  
Justin Markey  
Karla Richards

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Rick Rodgers President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-Reports from Standing Committees**

Mr. Rodgers discussed the Resolution of Necessity for Nash Heights stating the numbers had been all over the place and he understood why as we are not sure how we are going to fund it. He indicated these numbers are still too high and that he wants to see them come down; he does not know how we are going to get there, but he is not comfortable with moving forward with these high costs to the residents. Mr. Rodgers stated that there was some talk about making the residents whole along Greenwich Road and now these are even higher. Ms. Whipkey asked Mr. Markey to clarify that part of the reason these numbers are higher is because we have taken some residents out. Mr. Markey stated that these numbers are the engineer's estimate of actual cost and the prior numbers were subsidized as well as some residents from the fringe area have been removed so yes as you take people out it increases what's left over. Ms. Whipkey inquired about the other people that are on the fringe being in the figures being used in the latest figures. Mr. Markey stated there are a number who were removed and Mrs. Carr has those figures of ones left that could still be removed. Mr. Pierson stated if push comes to shove with the County's rule of 200 ft requirement they will need to connect. Mr. Markey responded there is no guarantee that they won't. Mr. Pierson stated that in walking along the Ward 4 area on Hametown looking at some of the homes and with the real estate values being what they are; if these people walk away from their homes, this will be felt city wide. It will have an end results for commercial loans that would come into the City. Mr. Pierson stated he knows people that have told him they will just walk away. Mr. Pierson stated he has been told people will take an equity loan out, take the money from the loan payment and place it in a safety deposit box, wait till they are evicted, and will walk away and make themselves whole in three years when they do bankruptcy; it is legal. Mrs. Carr discussed the fringe area, and that we have made several attempts to reach all of them. Eleven (11) have responded and said yes, seven (7) have said no, and two (2) are on the fence. There are five (5) that we cannot contact. Mrs. Carr stated that there are two (2) vacant lots and she is in contact with the real estate broker.

Mrs. Carr stated she understands the concern with the 200 ft connection requirement, and that Mr. Pruett of the Health District has indicated they would need to connect if they are within the consent area, but those outside of the consent area will not have to connect until their septic fails. Mrs. Carr added that if it is a new lot/home, the health department could say there is a sewer line there and they have to put up in the sewer. Mr. Pierson stated, and Mrs. Carr agreed that, that was also dependent on lot size, soil samples, and other parameters; he cannot imagine that Barberton will just sit back and let these people pass; and he still has concerns with Barberton becoming a sewer district. Mrs. Carr stated the reality is that the County-Barberton deal is going to go thru whether you like it or not; and she has already contacted Barberton in efforts to get back to the table and continue to work on this as the Administration agrees the assessment levels need to be brought down and that requires negotiating on how we can use the surcharge money. Mr. Pierson stated the talk in the past was to use 1400 new customers and Mrs. Carr stated that was an estimate that could be re-examined, but the reality is we do get tap in connections every day. She would have to get the most recent numbers, but people are building; she believed there were 20 to 25 tap ins. Barberton is willing to work on us with the surcharge money. Mr. Pierson stated of course they are willing because they want new customers as they need the money. Mrs. Carr stated that no utility company out there is not going to be looking at gaining new customers; if he did not understand that, then we were all at different meetings as they always made it clear that they would want to grow their customer base. Mr. Pierson stated he does not want to sit back with funding the City of Barberton on the backs of the Norton people and currently he does not see Norton getting a great deal. Mr. Pierson stated when we get to the package plant that's going to be an assessment of close to \$8,000.00 \$10,000.00 possibly and when it gets to these \$15,000.00 and \$19,000.00 numbers, that's a number that is just un-payable to a lot of these residents. You have to have some empathy for the residents and it's got to be fair and equitable. Mrs. Carr stated that is why we need to get back to the table and work on these numbers of assessment. Mr. Pierson stated at this point the proposed costs are about \$1300.00 higher than what was done with Greenwich Road and then there is an interest rate charge too. Mr. Markey reminded Mr. Pierson that Council sets the assessments and tentative assessments costs, not the Administration. Mr. Markey stated that Council was told at the beginning it needed to determine the funding source to subsidize; if there was none you wanted to use, we had to go with actual costs and do our best to lower the cost in the future. Mr. Pierson stated that even if we get the grants and loans, the numbers in the cost sheets of the model you put together just don't work. Mr. Markey stated that was not true. Mr. Pierson stated that Mr. Markey was telling him that we can do the entire project in Nash Heights right out of our pocketbook without any grants or anything and we can afford to do that? Mr. Markey answered, no, that Council voted 7-0 to approve that model. Ms. Whipkey interjected and stated that Council voted on the MOU; we did not vote on the proposal and Mr. Markey concurred as the proposal was just estimates we put together. Mr. Rodgers stated that Mrs. Carr had stated that people have to make choices; some residents are giving up their land lines, internet service, and cable TV to offset the increase in their house payment. Mr. Rodgers stated that in 2015 giving up cable TV, do you think that is a choice for those that worked their entire life to buy and pay for a home in their golden years? He would not do that to his parents and he was not willing to do that to these residents. Mrs. Carr stated we need to lower the assessments and Mr. Rodgers responded that yes we do, but there is no guarantee that it will be lowered. Mr. Rodgers stated that model will not work without that 1400 number. We would be involving 1400 more residents, and once it's out there, do you think Barberton is going to lay off of us or back off; they need us.

Mr. Tousley stated he is not comfortable with the numbers we have now especially with no guarantee that this will come down. Ms. Whipkey stated this is not sealing it; it can be lowered by us anytime later. Ms. Whipkey discussed the issue with Barberton pushing for more tie in's, isn't this the same type of deal we had with the County? Each of them have always owned some of the sewer lines within Norton. When have either of them pushed to have more tie in's and it wasn't done by the health district? Mr. Pierson stated the County has some of them, but the revenue goes 100% to Barberton and the County has the burden to maintain them so the County would be happy to not have that cash outlay. Mr. Pierson questioned if anyone in Barberton or their Council would vote for spending \$5,000,000.00 on Norton package plants? Ms. Whipkey stated she has always been singing that same song when most of you were saying it was a win-win situation, it was always Norton that was going to be paying for the entire project. Ms. Whipkey discussed the package plants and that there are some grants, which she believed was 50%, funds to offset these costs, as they are not like new sewer lines. Mr. Pierson stated that Barberton is not going to repair these plants and the County has even stated these package plants cannot be repaired with the new codes in a financially economic manner. Ms. Whipkey stated that it's always been said there are no grants for laying new sewer lines such as Nash Heights; but there is money likely to be available for these package plants to repair or replace where structures already are located. Mr. Pelot stated no matter what Norton is going to have to pay for their own system. Mr. Pierson disagreed because the County would be spreading these costs county wide and that was stated by the County in the meetings he sat in on. Mr. Pelot stated that you cannot expect some other entity to pay for our lines Mr. Pelot stated no one is disputing the fact, and the County is going to sell our lines to Barberton and we need to see how to offset some of these costs or cut the costs. Mr. McGlone stated we have to get back to the table with Barberton. Mr. Rodgers stated we need to get back to the table with Barberton, but we need to negotiate the best deal for Norton, not for Barberton. What would be wrong with asking Barberton to bring some money to the table? Mr. Markey stated Barberton did bring money to the table, they brought back surcharges; they brought a refund of the portion of the sewer rates that were part of the negotiations you were in on and Mr. Rodgers concurred. Mr. Markey stated that Mr. Rodgers was involved in these discussions initially everyone thought it was a good deal, and that Mr. Rodgers never brought any other issues forward to which Mr. Rodgers concurred. Mr. Rodgers stated we reflected on it and now it's not such a good deal for Norton. Mr. Markey stated that Summit County has determined they don't want to work with Norton. Mr. Pierson stated expanding sewer lines was self-serving for Barberton. Mr. Markey pointed out that the County would spread the package plants cost across the county, but they also said in the meetings that they would charge all assessment costs to Norton as they are not in the business of subsidizing those costs. Mr. Pierson stated he did not remember that and he was not able to go to all the meetings and Mr. Markey told him he could verify it. Mrs. Carr stated that she does not know why we keep mentioning Summit County when they have withdrawn and want to sell their lines to Barberton. They are not interested in negotiating with us anymore and for three months she has been telling Council we need to get to the table with Barberton to get some things worked out. Mr. Rodgers asked again what is wrong with asking Barberton to bring something to the table, isn't that worth something? Mr. Markey, you have talked about surcharges and half the bill, but that money is what Norton is paying them. They are paying the County something for their infrastructure, isn't ours worth anything? Mrs. Carr stated in any other city or county where they provide a utility service, there is always an up charge to that community.

Very rarely do they give that money back to the communities to build infrastructure or subsidize the cost of building sewers. Akron sells water to another entity, there is an up charge for it and they do not give those funds back to the community. Yes, the people are paying that surcharge, but the difference here is that Barberton is willing to reinvest into the City of Norton. Mr. Markey stated that they were willing to give up the surcharge they charge our Norton customers. Mr. Markey stated there was a financial plan that spelled this all out; although Norton Council did not vote on that. Mayor Zita reminded everyone that the rates with Summit County were historically higher, that doing it this way we actually decreased the costs with the exception of \$5.00 per household fee of those currently serviced by the package plants. That \$5.00 fee was to go back into the fund for the package plant areas to absorb some of those costs. Mr. Rodgers stated if we would have gone with the County, where would that savings of \$5,000,000.00 be offset to the citizens of Norton? Mr. Rodgers stated that the County did reduce their rates recently. Ms. Whipkey stated the County announced in the paper that they are reducing their rates because they would no longer be dealing with the Norton package plants. Mr. Pierson stated that the County was looking to do an overall study to reduce their rates as he remembered from one of meetings he had attended, besides what they reduced because of our package plants, and Mr. Markey concurred; however that newspaper article mentioned Norton specifically. Ms. Whipkey asked about the timeline and questioned before we can go to bid if we need to pass these assessments first? Mr. Markey stated that you must pass the Resolutions of Necessity, have your Assessment Equalization Board hearing and final approval of that Board's report by Council. Once that process is done, you need to pass an Ordinance to Proceed which gives the authorization to proceed with the bid and authorization of the contract. Mr. Markey stated that the anticipation is that we could do the bidding ahead of the Ordinance to Proceed so you would be ready to go with a contract. Ms. Whipkey asked when and where do we have to state how we will be paying for this, would that be before the bids and Mr. Markey stated that practically speaking, we should be able to tell people how we are paying for this project and that is with loans and legally we don't have to have the loans in place before we solicit for the bids. Ms. Whipkey asked about the study of the longevity of the vacuum and questioned if these Resolutions of Necessity need to be in place first? Mr. Markey stated that in discussions a few weeks back Mr. Demboski was to address the five (5) points of evidence to the EPA to prove our case on the thirty (30) year life cycle and it's independent of these Resolutions of Necessity. Mrs. Carr stated that Mr. Demboski is working on this and he should have this to Council later this week. Ms. Whipkey asked about our timeline with the EPA and the Resolutions of Necessity being complete. Mrs. Carr noted we are behind because these Resolutions of Necessity should have been adopted by October 12 and construction to begin by next spring. We have to have both East & West done by the June 17, 2017 completion date the EPA exact date is June 23, 2017. Mr. Rodgers asked how do we get these assessment numbers down and asked Ms. Whipkey if she was willing to use the roll back money to do that as she was willing to use roll back money to get the prior sewer assessments down? Ms. Whipkey stated she feels there are no other funding sources available. Mr. Rodgers stated he understands that, but he wants to know if she was willing to use those funds for Nash Heights and if the money should be divided equally amongst the new and old. Ms. Whipkey answered she also believed the future people should have a break also as sewer is going to go elsewhere. Mr. Rodgers stated sewer is going elsewhere because of that 1400 number. Ms. Whipkey stated we need to know where we are going to get the funds exactly, we need to go back to the table with Barberton and we need to pass these Resolutions of Necessity as they are now.

We can always change them or even make a resolution that we will do so later. Ms. Whipkey stated that Akron is paying the EPA 83% of their sewer bill because of their mandate and she does not want to be put in that position although some of us do not believe the EPA is going to come down on us as she does. The point is we need to move on, and she questioned what are the consequences if we don't move forward with this soon? Mr. Markey stated he did not know when, but when you are under findings and orders and failed to comply, they will: send you a notice of violation letter with a specified time frame to get back into compliance; if you do not get into compliance, they will refer you to the Attorney General for enforcement; once there is enforcement, and there will be fines and orders of which some are spelled out in the orders. Ms. Whipkey asked how long the process could take and Mr. Markey answered he could not answer that. Ms. Whipkey stated the point is, she does not want to be where Akron is now with a mandate due to the EPA. Mr. Rodgers stated the reason sewer bills in Akron went up was because of the cost of the project mandated by the EPA. There are no fines here. Mr. Markey stated that Akron has received fines; however the rate increases does reflect the cost of the project; he did not know how they are paying or paid the fines. Mr. Jack Gainer asked to speak at this point and Mr. Rodgers so moved, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Jack Gainer, 3920 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, stated that of course the rate increase in Akron is due to the project cost; however it's so high because they put it off so long and fought the EPA so long. Had they moved forward when they were ordered to, the costs would not be what they are today just as ours has gone up from putting it off. Mr. Gainer stated yes these newer assessments figures are really high; but that's because we are no longer working or negotiating with Barberton and the agreement with them is no longer on the table. What is wrong with negotiating again with Barberton, and so what if there are 1400 new connections over the twenty (20) years; Mr. Gainer asked Mr. Rodgers if he was telling him he did not believe the City was going to grow enough to hook up 1400 people in twenty (20) years. Mr. Rodgers answered that yes he did not believe we would grow enough to do that and asked Mr. Gainer if he was one of the residents that could not afford to hook up, what would he have to say then? Mr. Rodgers stated that for two years now and Ms. Whipkey at one time you were on the band wagon to save the people these high assessments and he knows she was supporting the people with the high assessments and trying to make it right. Ms. Whipkey responded by asking Mr. Rodgers who is to say that she still wasn't. Mr. Rodgers stated if twenty (20) more people have to give something up in their lifestyle in order to pay for this government mandated sewer, it's not pizza money here, then he is opposed to it. Mr. Gainer asked Mr. Rodgers who does he think should pay for him to take a crap? Do you think Barberton should just come in here and put in a sewer for nothing because Mr. Rodgers doesn't think you should have to pay for it? If you owned this as was originally planned, you wouldn't be having these problems. Mr. Rodgers informed Mr. Gainer that he was bordering on ridiculous now and please sit down. Ms. Whipkey clarified that Mr. Markey stated the bid would have to happen after the resolution of necessity and Mr. Markey answered he believed so.

Mr. Rodgers stated when he got involved 2-3 years ago it was because of the people in Nash Heights, residents on Greenwich Road, Oak Street, etc. He cannot trust if we pass these high assessments now that the same people on Council will make it right two or three years down the road and he doesn't. Ms. Gayle Brenner, 4041 Harper Avenue, Norton, Ohio, asked Mrs. Carr about the numbers she discussed regarding the fringe people in Nash Heights. Ms. Brenner pointed out that there alone, out of the twenty-five (25) and with eleven (11) definite, two (2) more strong maybes, two empty lots, and seven (7) no's; that's half of the entire group with the eleven (11) and two (2). This tells her there are more people that want to hook up than not. Ms. Whipkey asked if what Mr. Rodgers is saying is we need to put some type of figure and into an agreement as to what we will take off of all assessments in the future? Mr. Rodgers stated what he is saying is these assessment figures are too high and he is will not support this. Ms. Whipkey responded that she did not believe anyone on this Council would disagree with that. Ms. Whipkey stated it was mentioned earlier that these assessments are higher than the last one and there is no guarantee the costs won't be higher for the next round; what she is asking is if he wants the subsidized amount tied to one figure.. Mr. Rodgers stated he has always said each project has a different cost, and we have to be fair for all of the residents and suggested a percentage amount be used. Mr. Rodgers addressed Mr. Gainer's comment on the cost increasing over time and stated the cost had come down substantially according to the engineer's estimate in the time that we have delayed the project. Mr. Pierson asked about the Adair case and the money in escrow; once that is resolved can we pull from that and loan it to ourselves? Mr. Markey stated you still have to have established a way to repay the loan and if you don't have a revenue stream coming in to do so you cannot repay the sewer fund. Mr. Pierson asked if we could find the cash flow like a .50% rate can we use this to repay the loan? Mr. Markey stated his initial reaction is how to you repay this over time and if paid with a surcharge you have the same problem; he would really have to look at that. Mr. Pierson stated it we were able to set that up we could do all of Nash Heights ourselves as Barberton has to take all our sewage under the JEDD and that only leaves how package plants would be handled. If we had enough sewage at some point, we would reach the wholesale price. Mr. Pierson discussed the set up with the JEDD and we could do this on our own and suggested we look at the JEDD before we even go back to Barberton. Mr. Markey stated there is a downside with the JEDD because once you reach a certain threshold of gallons per day; you will assist in their payment for improvement to the treatment plant. Ms. Whipkey also reminded everyone that the State had passed laws recently that made it more difficult to re-work JEDD negotiations and Mr. Markey agreed.

Ord. #74-2015: An ordinance adopting medical coverages and rates for employees of the City of Norton; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Messner stated this is the same plan for medical as last year and is going up \$3,200.00 per month or 4.88% increase for 2016. Mr. Messner pointed out that last year we had an 11% increase. Ms. Whipkey asked if that is because of the Health Care Act and Mr. Messner stated we are taxed in the federal level at about \$23,610.00 and probably affects it. Mr. Pierson asked how many fulltime employees we cover and if it's under fifty (50) can't we opt out? Mrs. Carr stated that we cover sixty-two (62) total units. Mr. Messner noted several spouses have switched to their spouses coverages.

Mr. Pierson stated that the City should have received a credit for those that switched over to their spouses coverage and they will have to sign off on a waiver. Mrs. Carr stated they do this now but we are still over the fifty (50) employee threshold. Mrs. Carr reminded everyone these are all tied to the union contracts so we couldn't just change things.

Mr. Rodgers moved to add this to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ord. #75-2015: An ordinance accepting the proposal of J. Mac Roofing & Construction, LLC to complete the installation of a new roof for the community center, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Whipkey moved to add this to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Ms. Whipkey stated we had a proposal, not a bid, and it was brought to the Board of Control last week which was approved. Ms. Whipkey added that we got a really good deal for \$20,780.00 to replace the roof and she would be asking to waive the second and third readings in order to beat the weather. Mr. Tousley stated it was stated several weeks ago that we have exhausted all of the CDBG grant money and he questioned if we will have to pay for this. Mr. Tousley asked if we would be better off waiting to next year and go for grants again. Mrs. Carr stated that we have already submitted other projects for CDBG Funding next year. Mrs. Carr noted that none of these other contractors wanted to mess with the paperwork required for CDBG funds. Mr. Tousley asked about a guaranteed time frame from this contractor and Mr. Messner stated that he has spoken with the contractor and he advised them that Council may be adopting this tonight and he is on standby to start setting up for materials to be delivered tomorrow. Mr. Messner stated that if the weather were to turn bad right away they would honor this same pricing for early next spring. Mr. Pierson added the only additional cost would be for sheeting that needed replaced to which Mr. Messner agreed stating it was \$40.00 to \$46.00 per sheet and pointed out it would be a tear down as it was last done in 1987. Mr. Messner stated we had the money budgeted to do the project. Mr. Tousley stated he did look up J Mac Company and they have an A+ rating with the BBB. Ms. Whipkey pointed out that the roof was needing replaced before we built the new fire station so is well over due.

Roll Call: Yeas: Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley, Rodgers  
Nays: Tousley

Motion passed 5-10.

Ord. #76-2015: An ordinance determining to amend the non-bargaining unit salary rates and wages, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tousley moved to add this to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Mr. Tousley stated this is to get the non-bargaining employees up to date and noted that they have did not receive a raise in 2014 or 2015. Mr. Tousley stated that this reflects an increase of 1.06% in 2014 and 1.81% in 2015. More importantly, is that going forward this legislation would automatically go on and would give weighted average raises and the same consideration as the bargaining units. Mr. Tousley stated his hopes in going forward each year the non-bargaining would receive a weighted average increase. Ms. Whipkey asked if this is more or less a “me too” clause and Mr. Markey concurred. Mrs. Carr clarified that this is really a weighted average for salary only and that a “me too” clause requires that whatever the unions get the non-bargaining receive across the board. Mr. McGlone asked if new legislation is required each new year and Mr. Markey stated no, this is to direct the Finance Director to budget accordingly for the salary increases from this point forward and Council could reconsider it in future years; it will be budgeted, but it will not require a separate ordinance. Ms. Whipkey asked who all does this cover and Mr. Markey stated it’s spelled out in the exhibit A with Mrs. Carr stating it was some of the clerical, management, and those not covered by union contract.

Roll Call: Yeas: Tousley, Rodgers, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Res. #77-2015: Mr. McGlone stated he would like to move this to the agenda tonight.

A resolution determining to proceed with the submission of the question of the renewal of a 4.6 mil tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites therefore, sources of water supply and materials therefore, the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative and communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, and the provision of ambulance, paramedic and other emergency medical services operated by the fire department pursuant to Section 5705.19(i) of the Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. McGlone stated we have already done the Res. Of Necessity and now since we have the figures back from the County this is necessary in order to get this on for the March 16, 2016 election.

Mr. McGlone moved to add this to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Whipkey, Pelot, Pierson, Tousley, Rodgers  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Acknowledgement of the September 2015 and October 2015 Budget Reports

Mr. Rodgers acknowledged Councils receipt of the September 2015 and October 2015 Budget reports from the Finance Director, Mr. Messner.



## 2016 Budget Discussion

Mr. Rodgers turned this discussion over to Mr. Messner for the details. Mr. Messner stated he repeated the same process as last year. Mr. Messner encouraged Council to take a good look at the Revenue and General Fund pages and contact him if they have any questions. Mr. Reynolds was present for comments and questions on the Service Department. Mr. Messner stated the budget has increased 20.1% from \$1.3 million to \$1,678,000.00. Some increases are due to repairs to the roads, flooding, equipment purchases, etc. Mr. Messner stated one thing he has found is that Mr. Reynolds and his staff are very busy. Any given day it's very difficult to reach Mr. Reynolds other than by voicemail. Mr. Messner stated he has spoken to Mr. Tousley briefly about assigning an Administrative Assistant to Mr. Reynolds, specifically to field phone calls and complaints. This will go a long way with the residents to let them know we care and the residents get a live voice. Mr. Messner noted that with one of the recent flooding issues Mr. Reynolds had over seventy-five (75) calls on his voice mail in one day and that is difficult to get caught up with that; it may take as many as ten (10) to fifteen (15) days to respond to all the calls. If we had an Administrative Assistant in the department, that person can let the people know that the department was overwhelmed and can also handle paperwork like requisitions, purchase orders, etc. We have set the salary in red. Mrs. Carr stated in the past the Service Dept. had a foreman on duty that helped with some of the administrative tasks and now it all lands on Mr. Reynolds. We could add a clerical staff that does not cost as much as a foreman. Mrs. Carr noted that Mr. Reynolds uses white boards listing the projects/work necessary and she would like to change this into spreadsheet or work order formats. Mr. Pierson asked if we are reducing the Administrative Budget by that figure of \$35,360.00 and Mr. Messner concurred. Mr. Pierson questioned if that person would be replaced and Mr. Messner answered it depended on the process. Mrs. Carr stated this is really a place holder and not to pay attention to the name shown. It is a union position and requires union posting and it could end up being a lateral transfer. Because we are lacking some work in other areas due to changes in the Building Dept., we think we can maybe move some things around. We could potentially do some replacement in a different fashion at a lesser cost. Mr. Pierson asked that since this is a new position and he questioned if we can keep that out of the bargaining unit? Mr. Messner replied no, because of their union contract, anything that falls within certain criteria is defined as a union position. Mrs. Carr stated that even with a part-time position, it's considered a union position because of the type of work being done and not the hours worked. Mr. Rodgers asked that aside from the name that is in here are we looking at losing a person at the front desk? Mrs. Carr stated this would be in another budget to be discussed later and we feel that a receptionist would fit the need better. Mr. Reynolds stated this year he has received over twelve-hundred (1200) phone calls. Mr. Tousley stated he was in support of anything we could do to increase customer service to our citizens and Mr. Reynolds stated that is the biggest complaint he gets is when they can get to an issue. Mr. Rodgers asked if this position would be located at the Service Dept, and Mrs. Carr replied yes. Mrs. Carr stated that recently Mr. Reynolds has been added to the citywide phone program as before he had to come to the Administrative building to get his calls. Mr. Rodgers asked about the other red line items for two (2) new employees. Mr. Messner stated we have several big equipment purchase proposals; a new backhoe as our current one is over nineteen (19) years old, although we will keep it, and a Vactor truck to clean storm sewers. Mr. Messner stated he has already solicited bids on the backhoe and asked for a demonstration on the Vactor truck which is expensive.

Barberton and Wadsworth have a truck and we use Magic Drain for blowing the lines when we can get them. Mr. Reynolds stated that all they do is blow out the lines. Mr. Pierson stated he wants to stop everyone from using the term bid, you are really asking for quotes and would have to go out for bid as dictated by the Charter; there is a big difference and he believed this would have to go for a closed bid according to the Charter. Mrs. Carr stated we would have to use a form of a bid and she is aware that Mr. Pierson does not like the term "state bid" but that is an acceptable form. Mr. Reynolds explained the Vactor truck and that it can do just about everything that has to do with underground flooding issues it can clean out catch basins, blow out tile lines, blow out public pipes and would be used year round weather prevailing as long as it wasn't ice. Mr. Reynolds stated that it's so big it would have to sit outside and he has talked with the company and was told as long as it was winterized that would be ok. Mr. Pierson asked how much we spent this year for Magic Drain and Mr. Reynolds explained that's about \$6,000.00 so far and that's only by necessity. Mrs. Carr expressed the need for preventative maintenance and this was something we are looking at doing to prevent future issues, in addition to addressing emergency situations as currently we are only responding to a crisis and only if we can gain access to someone else's Vactor which generally those other municipalities are using them at during storm situations. Mrs. Carr explained that our curb and gutter roads have about 350 catch basins and there are over 10,000 more catch basin/surface drains, although some are questionable, but with this machine we could blow out most lines when needed and as routine maintenance. Mr. Pierson asked if this could be used on sanitary sewer lines and Mrs. Carr replied yes it could be used for sanitary lines. Mr. Pierson asked if we could afford this and Mr. Messner explained the cost of \$357,000.00 for the truck and that the lease payment would be \$75,529.00 for five (5) years. The fact is it takes six (6) months to build it and we would not even see it until May of next year if it would be approved in December. It takes a two (2) man team to run this truck as was revealed when it was demonstrated and he has added two (2) full time employees. We had a foreman's salary that was at \$47,000.00 to \$48,000.00 that is not being filled and he used that to pay for one individual plus some addition to full time labor of about \$22,000.00. Mr. Messner added that if Council did not want to pursue the Vactor purchase, the full time labor line would be reduced significantly and the lease payment would be removed from the last line for five pieces of equipment being leased. Mrs. Carr added the question had come up about sharing the purchase with another municipality, like Copley, and generally there would be a need by both communities at the same time so she does not recommend that method. Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Reynolds if he anticipates using this truck everyday and Mr. Reynolds replied yes, every day. Mr. Rodgers stated if we do this daily it may save on our roads from storm water runoff damage and Mr. Reynolds concurred, adding it wasn't a cure all, but would sure help. Mr. Messner agreed and stated the key word with this equipment is preventative maintenance. Ms. Whipkey stated that with this equipment it blows out the lines and will it tell you when you are in the field and having difficulty locating ditches and Mr. Reynolds replied yes adding it also sucks out lines if needed. Ms. Whipkey stated since this has a lot to do with storm water issues, can we get grant funding to help offset the costs through the EPA or Army Corps of Engineers? Mrs. Carr stated she was not aware of any; however she would look into this. Mr. Pelot asked about the life expectancy and Mr. Reynolds replied at least twenty (20). Mr. Pelot asked about the future need of salt trucks and Mr. Reynolds replied we currently have six (6) and they are getting older but right now are running just fine now. Mr. Pelot inquired on the years and mileage on these vehicles and asked Mr. Reynolds to forward that information to Council later on.

Mr. Pelot expressed concerns with storing this expensive piece of equipment outside and suggested we should be looking for a better housing solution. Mr. Rodgers suggested storing this in one of the bays at the Fire Dept. Mr. Rodgers asked with these increases in the Service Department if that will affect our \$1 million we need for roads and Mr. Messner replied no. Mr. Tousley asked about the increase on salt of \$50,000.00 and he questioned if that takes into account the roughly \$19,000.00 refund we received from the salt settlement? Mrs. Carr stated that \$19,000.00 was already returned to the Service Department's revenue account and our salt prices just went up so we were attempting to cover this increase to which Mr. Messner concurred. Mr. Pelot asked if we have placed our orders for salt for next year and Mrs. Carr replied we have and that we already received our supply. Mr. Pierson asked about the interest rate for the Vactor and Mr. Messner stated the vendor is asking for 2.75% on the lease and he would like to check with First Merit and it is reflected in the spreadsheet at calculating 2.75%. Mr. McGlone mentioned the interest rates are supposed to go up in December. Mr. Messner rattled off the ages of all of the dump trucks and their total mileages for each as: a 1999 at 129,000; two 2000s with 40,780 and 84,311 miles respectively; two 2002s with 90,432 and 78,482 miles respectively; and a 2007 with 44,101 miles. Mr. Rodgers requested that Mr. Messner breakdown the percentage each department absorbs of the total budget so that we can add this information to the pages. Ms. Whipkey asked if we need to direct you on the Vactor now and Mrs. Carr stated first you have to approve the budget; then we would need to come back to Council with legislation and the Board of Control. Ms. Whipkey took issue with having to wait for six (6) more months at least and still getting it in May. Mrs. Carr stated we will continue to look for demo's that would have a full warranty. Next review was the State Highway on Page #46 for salting Routes 21 and 585. Mr. Messner stated he did raise the salt supply by about \$4,000.00 due to the increase in cost. There is also an advance needed from the General Fund for the end of the year and he would advance that back. Next is the Permissive Tax Fund, page #48, mostly for maintenance and repairs and for hot/cold mix asphalt. There is no change in the budget for next year. Mr. Tousley stated it appears this year we did not spend much this year. Mrs. Carr stated the figures are only through 9-30-15 and there are still bills for asphalt that are not showing so we can look at the final numbers. Mr. Reynolds stated he has spent over \$105,000.00 for asphalt this year so far. Mrs. Carr added some of that will be coming out of this budget and Mr. Reynolds' street budget with Mr. Messner adding that it could come out of road funds as well so all three can be pulled from as they are used. Next is Recycling on page #62, no increase here. Mrs. Carr stated we are estimating here; we will reapply for the Re-Works and the Simple Recycling programs. Mr. Pierson discussed the scrap tires and Mr. Messner stated that reference should be removed from page 62. Mrs. Carr stated that we can now take them to Re-Works for free. Mr. Reynolds added we scrapped 167 tires this year and we used to pay \$4.00 per tire. Next was the Parks Dept. page #26 and there is a 10.4% increase for capital increase. Mrs. Carr stated that we need to replace the coating on the tennis courts and noted that we work with the school on this. If they reimburse us half of the \$23,000.00 total cost; it will come back into the General fund and is listed there under the General Fund Revenue summary. Mrs. Carr stated there is a contract with the schools for the cost maintenance at a 50/50 split. Next is Park and Cemetery Board., Page #30. The Parks Board would like to reinstitute the summer recreational program for 2016 and he has budgeted about \$2,000.00. Mrs. Carr stated this is a revenue in and expense out by sponsorship fees to cover the costs. Same with the adopt-a-spot and we need to work on sponsorships for next year.

Mr. Messner stated the Adopt-A-Spot was well received in the community and enhanced the beauty of the City so we increased it slightly. Mr. Tousley asked where is the Tree City budgeted and Mrs. Carr stated it's in the Service Dept. budget so we can organize it more and do extra things; things such as tree trimming or anything to do with tree maintenance is under that budget and is what qualifies us for it. Mr. Messner stated that is budgeted at about \$24,000.00 on page #45. Mr. Pelot asked what the day programs are and why we are charging fees for the summer programs. Mrs. Carr stated that the Parks Board has always charged fees and this year they are looking at \$50.00 for the time period of June 14<sup>th</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. They are looking at twice a week for forty children K through 4 and are hoping to get sponsorships to lower the fee but are looking to cover costs. Mrs. Carr explained they have about 2.5 hours of arts and crafts, games, etc. Mr. Rodgers asked if there are any provisions for families that cannot afford to attend to help out. Mayor Zita stated it is our intent that no child be turned away because they cannot afford it. Mrs. Carr stated that has been discussed in addition to the fact that all of the volunteers must go through background checks as that is something we will be running it. Ms. Whipkey asked if the City would be paying for the background checks and Mrs. Carr answered we would require the volunteers to do it themselves. Next is the Community Center, page #56, and this took a 300% decrease because the last line is the roof replacement and HVAC and front door system. Next year we will not need these improvements. Mrs. Carr stated we will be bringing back the Codified Ordinance Chapter 1064 for the community center rental fees and rules. Mrs. Carr stated that her hope is to increase the revenue stream for next year. Mr. Pelot asked about the electrical issues and ovens. Mr. Messner stated he has spent a considerable amount of time on this. Mr. Messner explained the current stove came from the fire dept and they inspected it for a safety concern and stated it could stay lit as it is complicated at best to light. Mr. Messner stated the refrigerator has been replaced; in addition to a new warmer box, new microwave and coffee pots, and the kitchen has a suspended ceiling with LED lights. Mr. Messner stated we have purchased more long tables, cleaned out the storage closets with new shelving, etc. Mr. Messner stated the Senior's have always had their own room and used the main room most of the time; they have now decided to give this up and will be using another room which has been set up for them while keeping use of the kitchen and they are very happy with. Mr. Messner stated he has looked at the fee schedules, policies and procedures, to bring to Council later on. Once we get the doors, roof and HVAC it's basically a brand new building. We are hoping to encourage more use and get it to pay for itself. The doors will be keyless and can be controlled better by Administration. You will be given a code to use for your allotted time, once that time expires you cannot gain access with that same code. Mr. Messner stated we have cameras installed to track any potential damages, etc. Mr. Rodgers asked if there were signs up notifying people of the cameras. Mr. Messner replied, no but you cannot miss them. Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Markey if he felt this was an issue not being posted and Mr. Markey replied no. Ms. Whipkey stated that the Board of Election poll workers had expressed to her that they were very happy with the improvements. Next is the Historical House, page #58 and is increased for maintenance of \$5,000.00 so there are funds available if something needs to be done. Next is the Cemetery Fund on page #60, basically there is really no change other than keeping something in for indigent burials. Mrs. Carr discussed the petition of a local church asking us to take over their cemetery and that we are currently working on cost studies on this. Mr. Rodgers questioned the \$100.00 fee for indigent burials because he thought this was very low. Mrs. Carr stated she was fairly confident this digging fee is set by the State. Mr. Rodgers asked if there are plots still available and Mrs. Carr replied yes, but the non-indigent fees are not that low and she could supply that.

Mr. Messner concluded the initial 2016 Budget discussion and urged Council to contact him with any questions or changes and he would provide all of you with a new sheet indicating the changes in addition to Mr. Rodgers request for an additional column indicating what the percentage of the budget each department represents of the total budget.

#### Nash Heights Sanitary Sewer

Ms. Whipkey asked about the Assessment Equalization Board and that we have determined the fringe people and we had talked about providing the Board with a list of the fringe people so that they would know who is automatically out of the project if they chose to be. Ms. Whipkey asked if this list would be provided to the Assessment Equalization Board? Mr. Markey replied we are not following that procedure. Mr. Markey stated that the people that want removed will be removed now and the people that come to the Assessment Equalization Board can lodge their complaints at that time, but will not be taken out due to some list. Council is passing legislation that does not include them, but it is not up to the AEB as Council made that decision.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

Mr. Charlie Lemon, 4000, Summit Road, discussed Ord. #73-2015 and the heavy trucking issue and asked how many people have complained? Mr. Rodgers stated he brought this forward and he had four (4) complaints on Summit Road. Mr. Lemon stated you have only about ten (10) residents on Summit Road. Mr. Lemon discussed the many businesses along this proposed route and the way he read this you cannot have any trucks on St. Rt. 261. Mr. Rodgers explained no, that's not correct it's just a few blocks along Summit Road. Mr. Lemon asked Council to continue to look at this, and he questioned who is going to maintain this. There are over ten (10) industrial acres here and he questioned who would come here now with these changes? Mr. Rodgers stated that this is residential and they are tearing the roads up. Mr. Lemon stated that the reason the roads are a mess is because they have not been repaired since the 90's until this year. There have been eight (8) waterline breaks in the past and they only patched the roads, and now this has been addressed. Mr. Lemon stated that he is retired now and he does not see more than 2-3 trucks that use this road during the day. You are spinning your wheels and wasting time. You are talking about maybe a block here and you should be encouraging business to come in to Norton, not discouraging. You are going to spend the money to put signs up and Barberton police has to be involved with Norton police watching them; it's spinning your wheels.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Consideration of the October 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting-Mrs. Richards noted a correction to page #12 in line 9 where Mrs. Carr discussed the two other contractors and that her comments were not stated correctly. Ms. Whipkey noted another correction in line 13 or 14 on that same page which we need to add "which can be too much for them". The minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

Consideration of the October 19, 2015 Committee Work Session-Approved as submitted

Consideration of the October 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting-Deferred to 11-23-15

Consideration of the November 2, 2015 Committee Work Session-Deferred to 11-23-15

Consideration of the November 2, 2015 Special Council Meeting-Approved as submitted

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS-None**

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

#### **ORD #72-2015**

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #72-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING P-25 COMPLIANT RADIOS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

#### **ORD #73-2015**

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #73-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 440.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

***\*\*Added During Committee Of the Whole***

#### **ORD #74-2015**

Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #74-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MEDICAL COVERAGES AND RATES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NORTON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

#### **ORD #75-2015**

Ms. Whipkey offered Ord. #75-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF J. MAC ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION, LLC TO COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW ROOF FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Whipkey stated we have amended the first draft changing the wording from bid to proposal and moved to amend the drafted legislation, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Whipkey, Rodgers, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Whipkey moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Whipkey, Rodgers, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson  
Nays: Tousley

Motion passed 5-1.

Ms. Whipkey moved to adopt Ord. #75-2015, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Whipkey, Rodgers, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Toulsey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**ORD #76-2015**

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #76-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO AMEND THE NON-BARGAINING UNIT SALARY RATES AND WAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

**RES #77-2015**

Mr. McGlone offered Res. #77-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFORE, SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFORE, THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC AND OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19 (I) OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

**INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

**ORD #56-2015**

Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #56-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO.

Mr. Rodgers moved to adopt Ord. #56-2015, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**RES #59-2015**

Mr. Pierson offered Res. #59-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 6-2015 PASSED FEBRUARY 23, 2015 BY THIS COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Res. #59-2015, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pierson, Rodgers, Pelot, McGlone, Tousley, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**RES #60-2015**

Mr. Pierson offered Res. #60-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 7-2015 PASSED FEBRUARY 23, 2015 BY THIS COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Res. #60-2015, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pierson, Rodgers, Pelot, McGlone, Tousley, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**AMENDED RES #61-2015**

Mr. Pierson offered Amended Res. #61-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE ALBERTA DRIVE, BROOKSIDE COURT, BROOKSIDE DRIVE, CLUBVIEW DRIVE, CROYDON ROAD, EASTON ROAD, EVERETT DRIVE, GREENWICH ROAD, HIGGINS DRIVE, LITTLE BOULEVARD, NASH BOULEVARD, RANGELEY ROAD, SHELLHART ROAD, VALLEY DRIVE, WEYRICK DRIVE AND WOODDALE DRIVE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING



GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NASH HEIGHTS GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE EAST PHASE I, THE PUMP STATION PHASE II AND THE WEST PHASE III; AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Res. #61-2015, seconded by McGlone. Mr. Tousley stated with the assessment numbers listed in Exhibit C as is, he will not support this.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Whipkey  
Nays: Pierson, Tousley, Rodgers

Motion failed 3-3 vote.

**AMENDED RES #62-2015**

Mr. Pierson offered Amended Res. #62-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE ALBERTA DRIVE, BROOKSIDE COURT, BROOKSIDE DRIVE, CLUBVIEW DRIVE, CROYDON ROAD, EASTON ROAD, EVERETT DRIVE, GREENWICH ROAD, HIGGINS DRIVE, LITTLE BOULEVARD, NASH BOULEVARD, RANGELEY ROAD, SHELLHART ROAD, VALLEY DRIVE, WEYRICK DRIVE AND WOODDALE DRIVE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING VACUUM SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NASH HEIGHTS VACUUM SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE EAST PHASE I, THE VACUUM STATION PHASE II AND THE WEST PHASE III; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pierson moved to adopt Res. #62-2015, seconded by Mr. McGlone.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Whipkey  
Nays: Pierson, Pelot, Tousley, Rodgers

Motion failed 4-2.

**RES #64-2015**

Mr. Pelot offered Res. #64-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO IMPROVE CLEVELAND MASSILLON ROAD FROM WEBER DRIVE TO NORTH OF SHANNON AVENUE AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Res. #64-2015, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**RES #65-2015**

Mr. Pelot offered Res. #65-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO IMPROVE SOUTH MEDINA LINE ROAD FROM EASTERN ROAD TO GREENWICH ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Res. #65-2015, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**ORD #68-2015**

Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #68-2015 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 881(MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX) TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO.

Mr. Rodgers moved to adopt Res. #68-2015, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley.  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS-None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Tousley asked the Administration about funds paid out for the right of way for Cleve-Mass Road and where does this come from? Mrs. Carr stated that has already been budgeted the costs are split either 80/20 or 90/10.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Tousley spoke about his travel to the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton, Ohio. Mr. Tousley highly encouraged everyone to go and visit this park, and he noted that to his surprise, the City has a dedicated bench there. Mr. Tousley stated he spoke with a Veteran that was there yesterday and noted this park is open 24/7 and it's all done by donations.

Mr. Tousley stated this Veteran and two others would be at the special Veterans breakfast this Wednesday at the Norton High School. Mr. Tousley left some brochures for the public and encouraged people to also visit their website. Mr. Tousley thanked all of the Veterans for their services to our country. Ms. Whipkey asked about the flags the City displays for Veterans Day and Mrs. Carr noted this will be done before Wednesday. Mr. Tousley noted there is also a canned food and non-perishable foods drive that can be donated to at the park. Mr. Rodgers discussed the standing procedures when other cities and townships are plowing and as soon as they enter out city limits; they lift their plows up and turn around and do nothing. Mr. Rodgers suggested getting with these other departments and if we plow when we are in their communities as need to ask them if they will do the same.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Zita made several (see attached).

Mr. Charlie Lemon, 4000 Summit Road, Norton, Ohio, discussed the Haven of Rest and they take in over 200+ people a day in the winter and they also feed them three (2) meals a day. Mr. Lemon stated he has volunteered for the past six (6) years and stated that they desperately need your donations. This is a Christian organization, they teach everyone about God. They have top notch chefs there preparing the meals.

Ms. Whipkey announced a MAD meeting this Thursday evening at 6:00 PM at their facility on Snyder Avenue.

### **PUBLIC UPDATES**

There were none

### **ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

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Rick Rodgers, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on November 23, 2015.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

### **NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM\***

**\*\*ORIGINAL SIGNED AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL\*\***

All Council & Committee Meetings will be held at the Norton Safety Administration Building, unless otherwise noted.