CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road. Pastor Doug Vandermolen delivered the invocation.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Beecham, Cross, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis and Sladick; also, Anthony Chandler, Doug Hughes, Jerry Bartoszek, Mike Huston, Jon Gale, Bob Gagnon and Taylor Hobby

18-171 Minutes

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously.

18-172 Council Member Flanders moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018 City Council work session. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously.

18-173 Consent Agenda

Council Member Beecham moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: a) 2019 Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule; and b) Refusal of Foreclosed Properties. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried unanimously.

18-174 Reappointment – Muskegon Airport Advisory Board

Council Member Cross moved to reappoint Anthony Chandler to a one-year term as representative for the City of Norton Shores to the Airport Advisory Committee expiring on December 31, 2019. The motion was supported by Council Member Sladick and carried unanimously.

18-175 Reappointment – Muskegon Area District Library Board

Council Member Sladick moved to reappoint Doug Hughes to a three-year term to the Muskegon Area District Library Board representing the City of Norton Shores expiring December 31, 2021. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously.

18-176 Appointment – EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority

Council Member Beecham moved to appoint Donald Martines to the Norton Shores EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority Board for a six-year term expiring December 7, 2024. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously.

18-177 Authorize Purchase – Highway/Off Road Mower

Council Member Morgenstern moved to authorize the purchase of a 2019 John Deere Tractor outfitted with a Diamond rear cradle boom mower through the State of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Program in an amount of $128,550 and the sale of a 2008 New Holland Tractor. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

18-178 Authorize Participation – Transportation Improvement Program, Seminole Road

Council Member Beecham moved to approve a resolution authorizing that the required local match be budgeted in FY- 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 if the Seminole Road Reconstruction Phase 1 (2021) and Seminole Road Reconstruction Phase 2 (2022) are included in the Transportation Improvement Program and funded. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

18-179 Approve Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the following changes to water and sewer rates: 1) increase the water rate from $3.84/1,000 gallons to $3.98/1,000 gallons; 2) decrease the water base charge for a ¾" meter from $24.67 per quarter to $17.56 per quarter and other meter sizes proportionally; 3) decrease the sewer charge for treatment operations and maintenance costs from $4.11/1,000 gallons of water used to $4.09/1,000 gallons; 4) increase the sewer debt rate from $10.49 per REU per quarter to $14.30 per REU per quarter; 5) decrease the flat quarterly rate for non-water customers from $96.80 to $87.92 per quarter; and 6) adjust the Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations Fee Schedule based on these changes effective on the January 2019 billing. The motion was supported by Council Member Sladick and carried unanimously.

Public Comment – General

Mr. Fred Minnaar, 6918 Windflower Way, made a request for the installation of a street light at the intersection of Winter Creek and Pontaluna Roads, which is one of the entrances to the Windflower Bay residential community. Mr. Minnaar also voiced his concerns on snowplowing and how it takes at least three days following a snowfall before plows come through their neighborhood.

Council Member Flanders requested that the City look at the timing on the traffic light at the Grand Haven and Pontaluna Road intersection due to daily traffic backups between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Grand Haven Rd from the light south to Judson.

18-180 Closed Session – Legal Opinion

Council Member Jurkas made a motion at 6:07 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss a legal opinion. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried 9/0 on a roll call vote.

Open session reconvened at 6:24 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Taylor Hobby

Taylor Hobby, Acting City Clerk