

May 4, 2016

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Jeff Urban, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Others present were Jon Boxler, David Davis, Robert Bowman, Dana Paxton, Cameron Archer, Jeff Wolf, Jamie Amlong, Dan Bainter, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis. Jerry Hawks arrived at 5:55 p.m.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the April 20, 2016, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

<i>Nt Co Horse Council</i>	<i>\$18,000.00</i>	<i>Construct accessory building by horse arena in Elmwood Park</i>
<i>Curtis Luehrs</i>	<i>\$ 9,508.00</i>	<i>Reroofing and enclose back porch at 708 N. Wabash</i>
<i>Chriss McDiffett</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>	<i>Construct garage addition at 806 N. Archer</i>
<i>Abigayle Craig</i>	<i>\$ 8,700.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 312 N. Grant</i>
<i>Gloria Nelson</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 801 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Denzel & Ruth Lofgreen</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 805 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Veryl VanDerWege</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 803 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Floyd McKie</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 807 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Burt Schrum</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 811 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Darrell Boston</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 813 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Jim Ray</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 815 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Mike Hess</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 817 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Lee Preston</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 826 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Gordon Persinger</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 828 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Clarice Kuhn-Verdi</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 830 Timbercreek Rd.</i>
<i>Dale Engelbert</i>	<i>\$ 7,166.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 610 N. First St.</i>
<i>Beth Sheley</i>	<i>\$ 6,865.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 434 S. First St.</i>
<i>Dana Hillebrand</i>	<i>\$ 3,349.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 107 N. Graves</i>
<i>Joy Glenn</i>	<i>\$ 7,900.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 306 W. Waverly</i>
<i>Ted Hadley</i>	<i>\$ 8,100.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 311 W. Woodsfield</i>
<i>Breyer Simmons</i>	<i>\$ 8,100.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 510 N. Graves</i>
<i>Genevieve Poage</i>	<i>\$ 8,300.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 805 N. Wabash</i>
<i>Genevieve Poage</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 501 E. Holme</i>
<i>Genevieve Poage</i>	<i>\$ 8,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 16353 US Hwy 36</i>

<i>Durant Harvey</i>	<i>\$ 2,800.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 306 N. Brown</i>
<i>John Sanders</i>	<i>\$ 8,200.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 506 N. Home</i>
<i>Ron Zwickle</i>	<i>\$ 6,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 809 N. Jones</i>
<i>Mona Cochran</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 707 N. Second St.</i>
<i>Kendra Baker</i>	<i>\$ 9,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 410 N. State St.</i>
<i>Ruby Pfeleger</i>	<i>\$ 4,500.00</i>	<i>Replace deck at 407 N. Brown</i>

Jon Boxler and David Davis were present on behalf of Boxler Insurance Agency and EMC Insurance to present a dividend check in the amount of \$22,732.95 to the City of Norton. The Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance program through EMC Insurance includes over 450 cities, and a proportionate share of the total group dividend is paid out to all participants.

Robert Bowman asked about the status of the water. The City is under a boil advisory notice. A water sample is being driven to KDHE in Topeka tonight so it can be sampled tomorrow morning. The City is back to full plant operation but the system needs flushed before the boil advisory can be lifted. Mayor Miller thanked Jamie, Joyce and Drew for their work at the plant. He stated all city departments were involved and they all did a good job, including the firemen. Andy, Cameron and Kyle from the fire department came and helped with the chlorine spill. He thanked the ladies at the city office for handling all of the inquiries. He thanked Chad for being on top of everything. Kat Conrad with Emergency Preparedness got the bottled water lined up and he thanked the people from Kansas Rural Water and KDHE for coming out to help. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Chriss McDiffett that the City recognize by Resolution the good job done by all of the departments during the crisis situation. Karen Griffiths will prepare it for next council meeting. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to waive the formal third reading of Ordinance #1685. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to adopt Ordinance #1685, amending Chapter 16 of the City Code pertaining to zoning regulations and the Board of Zoning Appeals, within the City of Norton. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jeff Wolf was present to request that the Council proceed with the abatement hearings for the properties located at 615 E. Lincoln, owned by Meri Tiekamp of Almena, and at 433 S. First Ave., owned by Allen Taylor. Karen will draft resolutions for the next city council meeting setting the hearings.

Ron Ridley stated the Finance Committee met and discussed the Police Clerk position. They have been having a difficult time getting this position filled. The court clerk position has recently been vacated and so the committee discussed combining the position and creating a police/court clerk position, with a reclassification on the payscale. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to accept the new job description for a Police/Court Clerk at a payscale of range 3 for 30 hours per week. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Ron Ridley stated Michelle Shannon has tendered her resignation with the Police Department. Her last working day will be May 11. Her position of Assistant Chief of Police will be filled as soon as possible. This will leave 3 vacant positions with the Police Department. The Finance Committee discussed flexibility with the pay scale to allow them to come in at a higher grade and the result of needing to increase current employees so they are compensated for their tenure in the department. They are focused on certified officers but would like some latitude with an acceptable non-certified applicant. If they find an acceptable candidate, they would bring a recommendation back to the council.

Chad Buckley reported that on Monday, there was a major chlorine leak in the chlorine room at the water plant. Three plugs blew out of chlorine cylinders and required the fire department to go in and shut off the chlorine bottles and clean-up. This required power being shut off. Staff had difficulty in getting the power back up. They were not able to chlorinate the water after that, and so the water supply was used up by Tuesday morning. After the water supply was used up, they used untreated well water and a boil notice was issued. Many agencies donated water for the public. KRWA and KDHE came to town and brought 3 chlorinators and 4 regulators to get the plant back up and running. Chlorinated water is now being sent through the water system. Staff is flushing the untreated well water out of the system and as soon as the water samples come back clear, the City can lift the boil advisory.

Chad reported the storm drains are being replaced this week on the highway 36 project. Gerald Speer started Monday to supervise a prison crew which will be working on repairing the brick streets in Norton throughout the summer.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve the financing of the transformer project and accept the lease purchase agreement from Stockton National Bank with an amount down and the remainder when the City is billed from Prairie Land. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jerry Jones said he was told the prison crew did a very nice job putting the rocks in at the pool. Dennis Gilhousen stated some of the work was done by volunteer labor by the City Administrator and his children. New basketball goals have been ordered for Mapes Park and will be purchased with memorial money.

Chriss McDiffett stated the Airport Board met and discussed the new budget which is actually less than last year. Bob Neff talked to the board about drag races after the car show in July. The Board is still working on lease agreements with some of the hangar owners. The new taxiway is coming along.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #6-2016, implementing a severe weather and emergency closing policy. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to suspend the rules and waive the three reading requirement for Ordinance #1686. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to adopt Ordinance #1686, an ordinance authorizing and providing for the codification of the general ordinances of the City of Norton, Kansas, and the publication of such codification in loose-leaf book form.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the American Legion Rider's special event cereal malt beverage license for the Norton Car Show on July 8, in a confined, roped off area by Norton and Main Street. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to offer the Clerk II position to Vicki Fisher, at a starting pay range of 5-B. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to authorize the Arts Council to block off the 100 block of East Main from 5-10 p.m. on September 10 for their annual membership drive and band. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to move into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. for discussion of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Chief of Police and Jamie Amlong present. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Council resumed at 6:30 p.m. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to return to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for discussion of non-elected personnel for 30 minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Chief of Police and Jamie Amlong present. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Council resumed in regular session at 7:00 p.m. No motions were made as a result of Executive Session.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Jeff Urban to approve Appropriating Ordinance #9. Vote taken. Motion carried 5-0 with Gary Lacy abstaining from the vote.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller