

March 15, 2017

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Chriss McDuffett and Gary Lacy. Ron Briery and Jeff Urban were absent. Others present were Robert Bowman, Eric Hethcoat, Missy Amlong, Kelly Sweet, Dana Paxton, Jamie Amlong, Dan Bainter, Dan Sisk, Karen Griffiths, Mark Dewees, Jody Enfield, Chad Buckley and Patty Rowh.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDuffett to approve the March 1, 2017, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Norton County Hospital - \$16,296 – Reroofing at 102 E. Holme
Mark Hopson - \$ 7,000 – Reroofing at 315 N. Kansas
Bob & Darla Beasley - \$ 2,000 – Demolition of sign tower on corner of building at 313 W. Main
James Miller - \$ 200 – Install metal roof over pergola type porch at 435 South Street

Eric Hethcoat from BG Consultants was present to discuss the CDBG Electric project. He said the CDBG funds won't be available until May 1. He will start on the design of the project in April. Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDuffett to approve the notice to proceed with BG Consultants to design the 2017 electrical distribution system and substation improvements. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Missy Amlong and Kelly Sweet were present to express their appreciation to the Norton Police Department and other law enforcement agencies involved for their assistance both on the night of March 6, 2015, and over the course of the past two years.

Jamie Amlong reported they have been cleaning at the water plant and the first round of lights have been installed. Chancey Dial started work and is catching on quickly. He said the new service that was put in for Ag Valley Agronomy will be using city water only. He also reported several places in town have installed or are going to install back flow prevention devices.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Jerry Jones to waive the second reading of Ordinance #1697, designating a stop intersection on W. Wilberforce at Grant Avenue. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Jerry Jones to waive the second reading of Ordinance #1698, pro-rating utility billings for owners of rental properties, based on the date services revert to them. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chad Buckley reported the building in the park has been demolished and cleaned up. The contractor of the new parks building has replaced sheets of metal that allowed for leaks and also the two sheets that were damaged by vandalism last summer. The Parks Crew has also poured an extension to the basketball court in Mapes Park. Two new basketball goals will be installed next week.

Chad also reported the Public Works crew has poured a new gutter along the southwest corner of the parking lot at Endzone. The property owner paid for the concrete. Also next week the crew will begin installation of the water services to two downtown buildings owned by Rich Voss. He also reported three equipment companies have delivered backhoes to Norton for a demonstration.

Chad reported interviews have taken place concerning the internship that was provided by a grant from K-State Extension and the Hansen Foundation for this summer and a candidate has been selected. Chad attended a number of meetings in Topeka to thank a number of department secretaries and to positively portray Norton to those making decisions that will affect our community. He met with Corrections, Wildlife and Parks, and the Agriculture Secretary.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to terminate the City's contract with the current court collection bureau. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDuffett to suspend the rules and waive the three reading requirement of Ordinance #1696, altering the maximum speed limit on Armory Drive from State Street to Reagan Avenue. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDuffett to adopt Ordinance #1696, altering the maximum speed limit on Armory Drive from State Street to Reagan Avenue. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #6 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller