

April 19, 2017

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 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 Robert Bowman, Dana Paxton, Jamie Amlong, Dan Bainter, Mark Dewees, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the April 5, 2017, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits and sidewalk/curb replacement requests were presented:

Carol/Gary Erlenbusch	- \$ 1,100	- Construct addition at 609 N. Grant
Bob Husted	- \$ 9,000	- Permit renewal for 614 E. Lincoln
Charles Keith Sander	- \$ 300	- Demolition of southeast corner of structure at 328 W. Lincoln
Lou Goldsby	- \$ 5,000	- Re-roofing at 1015 Hartford
Gil Otter Barbershop	- \$ 2,000	- Re-roofing at 201 W. Main
Joe Sanko	- \$ 3,000	- Re-roofing at 312 N. Jones
Ted White	- \$ 4,500	- Re-roofing at 310 N. Jones
Marie Wendel	- \$ 6,000	- Re-roofing at 510 E. Main
Fred Hawk	- \$ 5,500	- Re-roofing at 203 W. Wilmington
Brian Smith	- \$11,000	- Re-roofing at 312 N. State Street
Wanda Daniels	- \$11,000	- Re-roofing at 102 Case Ave.
Connie Lacy	- \$ 3,500	- Re-roofing at 309 W. Washington
Connie Lacy	- \$ 6,000	- Re-roofing at 507 N. First
Connie Lacy	- \$ 1,800	- Re-roofing at 305 W. Waverly

Dana Paxton asked how long it will be before the concrete work can be done in front of the Telegram. Chad stated crews are working on various streets right now and it may be 2-3 months before the City can do it.

Dan Bainter thanked the various City employees who helped with the concrete work at the intersection of West and Woodfield. He said the crew had to remove a large amount of soil before they could start the concrete work, since it was wet from sprinkler systems running.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to waive the formal second reading of Ordinance #1699, establishing a City Land Bank pursuant to KSA 12-5901, et seq., within the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Resolution #7-2017, approving the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement as to a 2017 Dodge bucket truck. Vote taken. Motion carried 4-2 with Gary Lacy, Chriss McDiffett, Dennis Gilhousen, and Jerry Jones voting yes and Ron Briery and Jeff Urban voting no.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the amendment to the May 3rd, 2005 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Function of Economic Development among Public Agencies in Norton County, Kansas. This includes the new appointment dates and removes Clayton as a participating member. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Interim Chief of Police Mark Dewees stated he would like to put Norton Bluejay plates on the front of the patrol cars to show the Police Department's support of the school and community. He was told to proceed.

Chad Buckley stated there were 31 junior high students who helped with City projects today as a part of service learning day. They painted in Mapes Park and Tweed Park and also painted fire hydrants in an area of town. Chad also reported he attended a budget training in Phillipsburg. The transformer for the Rhodes Substation project south of Norton through Prairie Land Electric was delivered last week. The Impound Lot vehicle auction will be held Saturday, April 22 at 10 a.m. City-wide cleanup will be next week on April 24, 25 and 26.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to adopt Resolution #8-2017, declaring the City of Norton, Kansas to be an official entrant in the Kansas Pride Program for 2017. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jerry Jones thanked Corey Urban and Jeff Wolf for all of their work regarding the large number of dogs found at the residence on W. Washington; the case is now being handled through the court system. He asked about the water certification test results; Drew Eagleburger passed his Class 3 water certification test.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the 2017 Legion Baseball schedule in Elmwood Park. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Dennis Gilhousen stated Rose Garrison discussed ideas with the Parks Committee regarding the landscaped area in the big parking lot at Main and Second. She is putting plans, costs and funding options together and will meet again to discuss her proposal.

Chriss McDuffett reported the Public Works Committee discussed the possibility of using an onyx product on the streets, but were informed it will not work on the existing streets. Chriss will meet with a contractor to discuss another option. The committee discussed water rights and possibly pursuing the rehabilitation of some of the old water wells. The wells need tested to see what they are capable of. The City currently uses 4 wells and 2 are active at any given time, plus an emergency well that is pumped once a year.

Chriss McDuffett stated Public Works Supervisor Dan Bainter received bids for a new backhoe. Motion was made by Chriss McDuffett and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve the purchase of a JCB Backhoe at a cost of \$87,500 from Sellers Equipment, Inc. of Salina, to be financed through Solutions North Bank with a \$20,000 down payment and lease purchase the balance of \$67,500 for four years at 3.5% interest. Dan Bainter said the JCB was the only backhoe which met 100% of the bid specifications. Ron Briery asked if the City was trading anything in. Dan Bainter said they will try to sell the 1985 Backhoe locally or through Nex-tech after the new backhoe is received. Vote taken. Motion carried 5-1 with Ron Briery voting no.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jeff Urban to sell all of the old patrol cars and surplus vehicles which are not being used anymore. It was suggested that a list be prepared for committee to review. Motion was rescinded with permission of the second.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jeff Urban to direct the City Administrator to prepare a list of all of the old patrol cars and other surplus vehicles and equipment that are unused, with the cost of tags and insurance per year for these vehicles included. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the purchase of a new server for the Norton City Office at a cost of \$4,940 from Mortensen Computer Services to be paid from line item 43.43.301. Information will be removed from the old server and it will be moved to the Police Department for their use. Vote taken. Motion carried.

City Clerk Darla Ellis reported on the 2017 City election dates. The general election will be held on November 7 and the filing deadline is Thursday, June 1st at 12:00 noon.

Mayor Miller stated a draft of Building Permit Requirements has been prepared and distributed. He asked council to review it so it can be discussed at the next council meeting. Chriss McDuffett asked about utility hookups. It was suggested that permit fees be added also. Karen Griffiths stated the Planning Commission will also review it at their meeting on Monday, April 24th.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Appropriating Ordinance #8 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller