

July 5, 2017

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Gary Lacy, and Ron Briery. Jeff Urban arrived at 5:33 p.m. Chriss McDiffett was absent. Others present were Megan Wetter, Robert Bowman, Dana Paxton, Zack Hughes, Cynthia Cullumber, Gerry Cullumber, Mark Dewees, Jody Enfield, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley, and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the June 21, 2017, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Kowpoke Rentals	- \$ 3000	- Block Foundation Replacement at 401 N. Norton
Bob Underwood	- \$ 300	- Construct ramp to front door at 1027 Churchill
Kowpoke Rentals	- \$ 2000	- Construct deck at 401 N. Norton
Travis Hogan	- \$ 1500	- Install basement egress windows at 1024 Churchill
John Atkins	- \$50000	- Dwelling addition at 609 W. Wilberforce Street
Debbie/Bob Smith	- \$ 3136	- Reroofing at 415 N. Norton
Keller-Leopold	- \$18960	- Reroofing at 117 N. Kansas
Jeris Norman	- \$ 8100	- Reroofing at 1119 N. Second
Joan Rieman	- \$ 8000	- Reroofing at 601 N. State
James Ohlson	- \$ 7500	- Reroofing at 710 W. Crane
Justin Baker	- \$ 3600	- Reroofing at 613 W. North

Megan Wetter was present to express concern regarding the open burning in her neighborhood. She expressed concerns last fall, and stated her neighbor has started to burn in his yard again. She wanted to let the council know before the situation gets worse, since there is a ban on open burning. The fire and smoke is offensive and is also a public safety issue. Mayor Miller asked Chief Cullumber to look into this complaint and see if the issue could be resolved. Megan left the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Dana Paxton asked the status of the sidewalk project at the Norton Telegram to remove and pour back new sidewalk, curb and gutter. Funds were awarded through the Hansen Foundation, but she has been notified the project must be done by August 1 or they will lose the funding. She asked if there is any possibility the City can do it before August 1. Chad said as soon as all of the water leaks are taken care of, the crews can do this project next.

Engineering Intern Zack Hughes reported on the status of the CDBG street project. He said they hope to open Second Street and then they will make Crane a one-way street. They hope to be done with the entire project by the end of next week and have both streets opened up.

Karen Griffiths explained Ordinance #1702 which increases the fees and specifies additional requirements for building, re-roofing and demolition permits; the Planning Commission has reviewed the ordinance and recommends that it be adopted by City Council. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to waive the formal first reading of Ordinance #1702, amending Chapter 4, Article 1 of the City Code, relating to building, re-roofing and demolition permits within the City. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karen Griffiths stated the City has received a proposed memorandum of agreement between the Defense Information Systems Agency and the City of Norton for work at the National Guard Armory facility in Norton. The Finance Committee will meet on July 10 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed agreement.

Karen Griffiths stated HB 2301 made changes to the Kansas Open Meetings Act by modifying the procedure for executive sessions, effective July 1. The bill requires any motion for executive session to include a statement describing the subjects to be discussed during the executive session and the justification for closing the meeting, as well as the time the open meeting will resume. She stated she will prepare a sample motion, as well as a list of the justifications for an executive session by state statute.

Police Chief Gerry Cullumber has prepared a Hansen grant application for mobile radios for the patrol cars. Chad asked him to purchase an addition radio for the Code Inspector's vehicle as well. The quote he received from BLS Communications was \$2,200. A letter of support from the Mayor and the Public Safety Committee Chairman have been prepared to accompany the application.

Chief Cullumber also reported the police department answered a total of 167 calls for the month of June which are detailed on their new monthly report. Purplewave will be listing the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria for sale. Chief Cullumber stated Jody Enfield has been promoted to the Assistant Chief of Police position. He also recognized Mark Dewees for serving as Assistant Chief of Police, and also serving as Interim Chief of Police from March until May when Gerry was hired. Mark has taken a full time position with the EMS, and he thanked him for his time and commitment to the police department.

City Administrator Chad Buckley stated the water main on State Street broke last week and there have been a number of water leaks since then. He thanked Dan Bainter, Dusty Eagleburger, Mike Pfannenstiel, Steve Reedy, Sam Batson, Jason Dial, Jamie Amlong, Drew Eagleburger, Chancey Dial, Joyce Garrison, Brock

Blackstone, John Hanlon, Bryce Dockendorf, Michael Coffey and John Carlin. He also thanked Pizza Hut for providing food to the employees as they were working through their meal breaks. Chad stated Dan Sisk, Logan Keiswetter, and Brad Nuzum from the electric department also worked to get power back on after the recent wind storm. Dennis Gilhousen asked if the City was going to pick up tree limbs from the storm. Chad stated with all of the water leaks and long list of projects, the City would not be picking up tree limbs.

Chad reported Noe Musquiz was in and thanked the City for all of the work the Parks Department does on the ball fields. Jerry Jones stated he thinks the City should plant grass on the Land Bank property on West Washington. He also asked the status of the Bainter housing project in Ryan Addition, and asked if there is a completion date.

Dennis Gilhousen stated he wants to clarify that the Parks Committee did not stop the Amusement Association from putting up their building in Elmwood Park; the contractor said the existing footings were not sufficient and wanted to come up with another plan. Dennis stated the City is not standing in their way. Karen Griffiths stated she sent them a copy of the proposed lease agreement.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jeff Urban to approve the Norton American Legion's use of the grandstand booth in Elmwood Park for consumption of cereal malt beverages from July 25-29, 2017, as per Section 3-103(e) of the Norton City Code, and to approve their cereal malt beverage special event license for consumption on the premises at a confined beer garden at the grandstand booth in Elmwood Park during the 2017 Norton County Fair. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to approve Appropriating Ordinance #13 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller