

September 5, 2018

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Mark Dewees, and Ron Briery. Dennis Gilhousen was present by speaker phone. It was noted that Eric Smith, Deputy General Counsel of the League of Kansas Municipalities, advised that in accordance with the open meetings act, a council member can attend by phone as long as it is a speaker phone so everyone at the meeting can hear all discussions among all members. Gary Lacy and Chriss McDiffett were absent. Others present were Robert Bowman, Dana Paxton, Jody Enfield, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Jody Enfield led those present in the Flag Salute and Chief Cullumber gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Mark Dewees to approve the August 15, 2018 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Craig Knapp - \$ 13,000 – Construct garage at 1113 N. 2nd Ave.
Barb Goeken - \$ 9,000 – Re-roofing at 815 N. First St.
Rick Schwab - \$ 14,000 – Construct garage at 807 N. Jones
Almena St. Bank - \$ 3,000 – Re-roof at 811 N. Wabash

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber reported the Norton Community High School received a threat aimed toward the school last week. The Norton Police Department worked in conjunction with the Norton Sheriff’s Department, and had a presence at all of the schools on Friday. He thanked the Police Officers and the Sheriff’s Officers for their assistance with this matter. He also reported on the PurpleWave auction items which are currently listed, and stated the department is reapplying for a JAG grant again this year.

City Administrator James Moreau gave an update on the Street Improvement project and stated Woods Drive is the only street left to complete. He also reported the south side of a portion of Washington Street has been replaced, and the north side will be replaced as soon as weather allows.

Jerry Jones asked about the possibility of getting speed radar signs for Main Street, which tell how fast vehicles are going. Chief Cullumber stated he will look into the cost of these signs.

Ron Briery stated the time is up for cleanup of the property at 406 S. Second. The vehicles will be taken to the impound lot and the City will abate the weeds and property as soon as time allows.

Ron Briery reported the City/County Airport has received federal funding for 350’ of the north runway, with the grant funding 90% of the project and the Airport injecting 10% of match funds. The engineer is also putting an application together for 100% funding for additional airport improvements. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the Airport Board’s three year goals for the Airport, which includes the Taxiway project. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Mark Dewees to approve Appropriating Ordinance #17 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller