

**September 4, 2019**

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Gerald Jones, Donna Foley and Ron Briery. Others present were Donna Liddle, Dean Liddle, Gerry Cullumber, Jody Enfield, Dan Bainter, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Chief Cullumber gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Gerald Jones to approve the August 21, 2019, city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Marilyn Colip - \$14,000 – Re-roofing at 334 W. Main  
Louis Keiswetter - \$ 4,500 – Demolish structure at 519 E. Lincoln  
Kaenon Keiswetter - \$ 1,500 – Demolish structure at 801 N. Archer  
Berlier Family Trust - \$ 2,400 – Demolish structure at 508 N. First

Donna Liddle reported the Chamber’s new website is complete and getting great traffic. The Highway 36 Treasure Hunt will be held September 20-22, and 80 people have signed up so far. The Goodwill truck will be in Norton from September 23-27. Donna also reported she will be attending the State Fair in Hutchinson this weekend to promote Norton at the Northwest Kansas Travel Council tent.

The Christian Church will have their Faith in Action event in the near future and are looking for projects to complete. They are hoping to expand the group to include more churches or other volunteers.

James Moreau reported he met with Economic Development and a Housing Strategy Group to discuss steps to complete over the next three years to put a plan in action following completion of the housing study. Over 50 items were discussed which were narrowed down to four areas to focus on with 2 or 3 things in each area. Jerry Jones stated around the end of October, he would like the council to have a work session with Mike Posson to update everyone on their ideas of how to help Norton grow.

James Moreau also reported on the progress of the fair ride disassembly and recent water leaks which have been worked on.

Donna Foley reported the next Economic Development meeting is next Tuesday, but she will be out of town and unable to attend.

Dennis Gilhousen reported the Finance Committee and Public Works Committee had a joint meeting to discuss improvements to N. Norton Street, north of Highway 36. Jeff Laubach from S.B.B. Engineering was at the last council meeting to discuss the entrances to the property at 101 E. Holme Street and requested a street and drainage improvement project on N. Norton Avenue. The Committee agreed the City needs to do something about the drainage ditch which has been a long-term problem and discussed the redevelopment of N. Norton to make it a viable entrance into the proposed business. The City has a policy for concrete work in which the city pays the cost of concrete if the owner pays for the labor. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to notify S.B.B. Engineering that the City will pay for the cost of concrete for the redevelopment of N. Norton Street and the City will provide the materials for enclosing the drainage ditch, if they will provide and pay for the labor to complete the work. Dennis stated the improvements will be of mutual benefit to the developer and the City, and will be paid for from the Special Highway and Industrial Development funds. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve Appropriating Ordinance #17 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Ron Briery to pay for the cost of up to 30 yards of concrete to fix the alley behind Jamboree Foods if they provide the labor to complete the work. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_  
James L. Miller