

September 18, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, September 18, 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 Scott Sproul, Donna Liddle, Dean Liddle, Cynthia Cullumber, Crystal Richard, Gerry Cullumber, Dan Bainter, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Gerry Cullumber gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the September 4, 2019, city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Gerald Weyand - \$ 6,257 – Re-roofing at 310 Ward Ave.
J.D. Daffer - \$ 2,000 – Re-roofing at 307 S. Norton

Scott Sproul was present to give an update on the status of the proposal for the Elmwood Park improvements. He has met with a number of groups about the project and recently met with the school. The School is discussing the need to resurface the track, so this might be the time to consider adding two more lanes to the track, in order to be able to host regional events. To add the two lanes, the track would be moved to the south, which would also require moving Bluejay Field to the south. This would require the City to deed the extra property needed to the School. Scott stated he will need to know who from the City wants to be involved in the strategic planning process. He also said at some point in the future, the City will need to decide whether to approve the use of property for the proposed project, to allow groups to pursue funding options. He stated no phase of the proposed project would be started until the financing for that phase is secured.

Donna Liddle reminded everyone the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt will be held September 20-22, and the Goodwill truck will be in Norton from September 23-27.

Dean Liddle asked if there was an update on negotiations regarding the Rescue Services agreement? No meeting has been scheduled regarding this matter.

Crystal Richard reported she is working in conjunction with Love's on a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network via Christi Health, called Bail out for Charity. She asked if any council members wanted to volunteer to be arrested on September 28 or 29; donations to be bailed out are collected by those arrested, and all donations go to the Children's Miracle Network.

Chief Cullumber stated he appreciated everyone who attended the First Responders Appreciation event, and thanked the Norton American Legion Riders and Norton Ministerial Alliance for hosting the event. The swearing-in ceremony was held during the event for the newest Police Officers including Chris Davis, Austin Tucker, Kaleb Tuxhorn, and Joseph Barton.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber stated he has reviewed the parking regulations for the area in Veteran's Park adjacent to Highway 36 and the 500 block of W. Wilmington, due to a number of complaints. He considered making this a no parking area for semi-tractor trailers, but is recommending a one-hour parking restriction for this area. He said he would like to declare an emergency for 90 days to post it as one-hour parking, until the City Council reviews and revises the current parking regulations. Ron Briery asked Chief Cullumber to contact Hillcrest Motel to find out how many trucks park there to stay at the motel, as he doesn't want to discourage business for them, and then the council will consider it.

James Moreau reported he notified S.B.B. Engineering of the City's proposal for funding of the requested improvements of N. Norton Street. The developer said they would contact KDOT to revise their proposal back to their original plan, and not use N. Norton for an entrance. He also reported he received a copy of the most recent salary survey completed by the Kansas League of Municipalities, and is compiling the information from second class cities. He asked if the council had specific parameters before he proceeds. Mayor Miller suggested he set the parameters and then present the results to the appropriate committee.

Jerry Jones scheduled a Parks Committee meeting for September 25, at 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to recess at 6:15 p.m. and go into a Public Building Commission meeting. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The Norton Public Building Commission meeting was called to order on September 18, 2019 at 6:15 p.m., with the following PBC members present: Jim Miller, Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Gerald Jones, Donna Foley, and Ron Briery.

Mapes & Miller has completed the required operating data and financial information to be disclosed by the Public Building Commission, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gerald Jones to authorize Mapes & Miller to file the required Continuing Disclosure information with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Vote taken. Motion carried.

There was no further business for the PBC, so motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Robert Bowman to adjourn the PBC meeting at 6:16 p.m. The PBC meeting was adjourned.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve Appropriating Ordinance #18 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller