

January 6, 2016

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Roberta Ryan, Jeff Urban, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Others present were Robert Bowman, Dana Paxton, Dan Bainter, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Roberta Ryan and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the December 16, 2015, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

John Millan - \$200,000 – Construct new 2-story single family dwelling at 1008 N. Wabash

Bainter Const. - \$175,000 – Construct new single family dwelling at 1001 Reagan Ave.

Bainter Const. - \$175,000 – Construct new single family dwelling at 1003 Reagan Ave.

Bainter Const. - \$175,000 – Construct new single family dwelling at 1005 Reagan Ave.

Bainter Const. - \$175,000 – Construct new single family dwelling at 1007 Reagan Ave.

Robert Bowman asked when the City can fill the holes on West Street south of the intersection at Highway 36 and West Street. Staff stated as soon as the weather warms up, it will be fixed.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Jeff Urban to waive the formal second reading of Ordinance #1683, relating to the appointments to the Norton City/County Airport, and amending Section 5 of Ordinance #1500. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Jeff Urban to waive the formal second reading of Ordinance #1684, amending Chapter 16, Article 1 of the Norton City Code relating to the appointment dates of the City Planning Commission. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Roberta Ryan to waive the formal second reading of Charter Ordinance #17, amending Section 4 of Charter Ordinance #11, relating to the provisions of the Convention and Tourism Committee of the Transient Guest Tax Act. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated he and Chad Buckley met with the County Commissioners to discuss the demolition program. He also reported the Mayor and Council are invited to a banquet for the Honor Hunt on January 18 at 6:00 p.m., and they should RSVP to Tara Vance. Mayor Miller presented a Plaque of Appreciation to City Clerk Darla Ellis for 25 years of service to the City. He stated the City also had a Plaque to recognize Carl Conkey for 15 years of service, but he was unable to attend the council meeting.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #1-2016, adopting the north-northwest Kansas (Region B) multi-hazard, multijurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Ron Ridley stated he has a quote of \$16,917.60 from Motorola for the 800 MHz radios through the Kansas State Contract. They are handheld units so there should be no installation. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Roberta Ryan to approve the purchase of 8 radios at a cost not to exceed \$17,500. The City budgeted \$18,000 for the radios. Vote taken. Motion carried.

City Administrator Chad Buckley stated interviews will be set up for the Electric Distribution Supervisor position. A notice for unsafe and dangerous structure will be mailed out this week. Staff will be going to Hoxie tomorrow to inspect a trash truck similar to one the City received a bid for. The positions of Pool Manager, Assistant Pool

Manager and Police Clerk will be advertised. A new supervisor for the prison work crew will report to work on Monday. Chad stated he has received a complaint of a drainage issue at the corner of State and Main that he would like the Public Works Committee to discuss.

Darin Riedel at Riedel Garden Center will present a proposal for pool landscaping to the Parks Committee on January 11 at 3:45 p.m. Chad Buckley stated he and Mayor Miller met with Prairie Land and would like to meet with the Utility Committee to discuss the cost/share information for different transformers with or without regulators. Prairie Land would like to get them in service before the summer of 2016.

Jeff Urban stated the dumpsters by the Public Works building are still being abused. He constantly sees people from outside the City limits and from Nebraska taking their trash to the dumpsters, when the signs clearly say they are for city residents only. He stated recently a table, concrete gravestones, paint cans, and a dishwasher were dumped by the dumpsters. He recommends putting cameras up and fining people who are abusing it. A sign will be made and the Police Chief will monitor the activity with video surveillance.

Chriss McDiffett stated the Public Works Committee discussed bids for a new trash truck and will meet again to discuss it further.

Ron Briery stated the Public Safety Committee met and would like the City Attorney to prepare a charter ordinance to exempt the Chief of Police from the annual appointment, and make him a contract employee instead.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to adopt Resolution #2-2016, waiving the annual requirement of generally accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting for the calendar year ending December 31, 2016. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Roberta Ryan and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Appropriating Ordinance #1 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Roberta Ryan to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller