

July 20, 2016

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Jeff Urban, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Dennis Gilhousen was absent. Others present were Shad Chandler, Bob Hawks, Josh Hawks, Lisa Herman, Cameron Archer, Steve Cole, Wilson Ellis, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the July 6, 2016, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits and sidewalk replacement requests were presented:

<i>Love's Travel Stop</i>	<i>\$ 50,000.00</i>	<i>Commercial remodel at 303 W. Holme St.</i>
<i>Love's Travel Stop</i>	<i>\$350,000.00</i>	<i>Construct new fuel pumps/island at 303 W. Holme St.</i>
<i>Randy Husted</i>	<i>\$ 25,000.00</i>	<i>Dwelling addition at 312 N. Graves</i>
<i>Gene Carter</i>	<i>\$ 1,900.00</i>	<i>Construct steel accessory building at 801 N. Brown</i>
<i>Scott Ellis</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>	<i>Replace deck at 311 West St.</i>
<i>Brandon Peterson</i>	<i>\$ 8,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 804 N. Second Street</i>
<i>Tim Graham</i>	<i>\$ 7,700.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 605 E. Main Street</i>
<i>Shara Dukes</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 209 W. Wilberforce</i>
<i>Jim Voss</i>	<i>\$ 8,500.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 309 W. Wilberforce</i>
<i>Troy Thomson</i>	<i>\$ 8,500.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 307 N. Second Street</i>
<i>Marian Watson</i>	<i>\$ 8,300.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 711 N. First Street</i>
<i>Todd Bolt</i>	<i>\$ 3,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 813 N. Jones Street</i>
<i>Dana Hanlon</i>	<i>\$ 5,440.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 107 W. Waverly</i>
<i>Charles Hadley</i>	<i>\$ 12,660.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 312 S. Wabash</i>
<i>Julie Schrum</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 606 N. First St.</i>
<i>Ann Wolf</i>	<i>\$ 12,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 322 N. Norton</i>
<i>Dan Hazlett</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 405 E. Lincoln Street</i>
<i>Trinity Episcopal Church</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Replace 96' of curb at 319 N. State Street</i>
<i>Kyle Jones</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Replace 70' of sidewalk at 309 &amp; 311 W. Lincoln Street</i>

Shad Chandler, President of Almena State Bank, was present regarding his building project on Highway 36. He said the construction has not altered or changed the drainage system, because there was no curb, gutter, storm sewer or drainage structure in place to begin with. Bob Hawks said they are going to the southwest corner of the property and running the water down Wabash like it states on the building permit. The way it is designed, all water drains off the roof to the west. Shad Chandler asked for clarification that they didn't do anything wrong. Ron Briery said this should have been

worked out by city staff. Council agreed the drainage concerns have been resolved and they can proceed with construction.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to waive the formal second reading of Ordinance #1688, repealing Sections 7-401 through 7-408 concerning fire insurance proceeds funds for the City of Norton, and adopting in its place certain insurance proceeds funds, within the City of Norton. This ordinance amends the Fire Insurance Proceeds fund to include other disasters besides fires. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated he received an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Economic Development, regarding the appointment dates for the board positions as a result of recent legislation changing the election dates for government elected officials. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the amendment and authorize Mayor Miller to sign it. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated at one time the Council discussed whether a council member should be paid if they do not attend council meetings or committee meetings. The Finance Committee will discuss this. Jerry Jones asked City Attorney Karen Griffiths to research this subject prior to their next meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #12-2016, fixing the time and place and providing for notice of a hearing on September 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. before the governing body of the City, at which the owner, his or her agent, lienholders of record, occupants and other parties in interest of structures located at 433 S. First Avenue may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished as an unsafe or dangerous structure. Notice will be sent to the last known heirs of Allen Taylor, who is deceased. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #13-2016, fixing the time and place and providing for notice of a hearing on September 7, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. before the governing body of the City, at which the owner, his or her agent, lienholders of record, occupants and other parties in interest of structures located at 208 E. Woodsfield may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished as an unsafe or dangerous structure. Vote taken. Motion carried.

City Administrator Chad Buckley reported the piers have been poured on the east side of the Prairie Dog Creek that will be used to support the weight of the sewer pipe. Gary Lacy asked if the City should have someone look at it to see what should be done to make sure the pipe doesn't break in the future. Chad stated he has received a proposal from Nex-tech for cell phones, which will be discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting. Shawn Gosselin has poured the curb on Second Street next to Carquest. The dedication of the bronze statue and bench will be on Sunday, July 24 at 2 p.m. at the Library. The KDHE annual inspection took place at the water plant this week and the inspector only had a few minor suggestions for improvements. A light will be installed in Tweed Park for safety purposes.

Jerry Jones stated the Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed 2017 budget. The 2017 budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 10 at 5:15 p.m.

Jeff Urban stated he received calls from a few citizens asking why some bushes in the cemetery are being trimmed after hours instead of during working hours. Mayor Miller stated it has been done this way for a number of years.

Chriss McDiffett stated the Public Works Committee discussed replacing a curb south of the courthouse on Washington Street and also discussed the curb and sidewalk at Moffet Drug Store on State Street.

City Clerk Darla Ellis reported Town & Country Kitchen has incorporated and have submitted a cereal malt beverage license application reflecting the new information. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Town & Country Kitchen, Inc. at 419 E. Holme Street. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve the Drinking Establishment license for 110 Western Sports Bar located at 110 S. State Street, contingent upon receiving a copy of their state license. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Wilson Ellis was introduced as the City's Nex-Generation Student Intern, who is assisting in the City Office and also has worked with the Code Inspector, Parks Department and Municipal Court.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Appropriating Ordinance #14. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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

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