

July 19, 2017

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 5:33 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Jeff Urban, Gary Lacy, and Ron Briery. Dennis Gilhousen and Chriss McDiffett was absent. Others present were Erin Archer, Robert Bowman, Lisa Herman, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley, and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the July 5, 2017, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve the July 11, 2017 special city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried 3-1 with Jerry Jones voting no.

The following building permits were presented:

Marla Persinger - \$ 5500 - Construct deck at 605 Sun
Bernard Donovan - \$ 3000 - Reroofing at 806 N. Wabash

Erin Archer asked about closing the Aquatic Center early for the week of the fair. She stated many of the pool staff work at the fair and she was not sure if she would have enough staff. The water aerobics have been cancelled for fair week. Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Jerry Jones to allow the pool to close at 6 p.m. next week for the fair. Vote taken. Motion carried 3-1 with Ron Briery voting no.

Erin Archer also stated that many of the pool staff will be going back to college or starting sports practice on August 14, so the last day the Aquatic Center will be open this summer will be August 13. She will be invited to the next Parks or Finance Committee meeting to discuss recommended changes needed for next year.

Jerry Hawks reported he has community service workers pulling weeds on State Street and the Courthouse Square, and stated it now looks really nice and clean. He stated there is grass growing in the bricks and asked if the City can spray them. Chad stated it will be done before the Valley Hope anniversary celebration in August. He is looking for a new community service candidate to paint fire hydrants. He also stated the City should make a list of the street signs that are not straight and have them fixed or straightened.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Gary Lacy to waive the formal second reading of Ordinance #1702, amending Chapter 4, Article 1 of the City Code, relating to building, re-roofing and demolition permits within the City. Jerry Jones stated he thinks a permit for a major construction project should cost more. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber reported he submitted the Hansen grant today for radios. His officers have been patrolling more on West Street by the Aquatic Center because of complaints of speeders. He is sending final letters regarding the remaining cars at the City impound lot, including the camper. The Crown Victoria has been posted on PurpleWave. He also reported he received the cost estimate for 2018 dispatch of \$121,000 which is up from \$108,000. He will be discussing the agreement with the Sheriff.

Chad Buckley reported work has begun on the Telegram project and half of the sidewalk is poured. Crews have had several more water leaks and will be getting ready for the Valley Hope celebration.

Chad reported the contractor will be coming back to plant grass for the street project on Crane and Second, or will hire someone to do it. Sprinkler systems which were damaged during the project are getting fixed and bills are being forwarded to Bryant & Bryant Construction.

Gary Lacy stated the weeds in the streets are getting bad all over town. He also asked about the big pile of dirt by the new housing project on Crane and Reagan. He stated there has been no activity for months and it needs cleaned up.

Council also asked Chad to check and see if the grass along the Highway 36 project can be replanted, since nothing is growing where it was seeded.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jeff Urban to approve Appropriating Ordinance #14. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller