

February 20, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, February 20, 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 Darel Boston, Mike Posson, Dean Liddle, Donna Liddle, Darla Beasley, Dana Paxton, Jody Enfield, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. The Flag Salute was recited and Darel Boston gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the February 6, 2019 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permit was presented:

Les & Lynn Ward - \$28,000 – Construct addition to dwelling at 1018 Hartford

Darla Beasley introduced Donna Liddle, the new Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and her husband, Dean Liddle. Darla is moving back to Colorado and her last day with the Chamber will be March 5th. Donna said she looks forward to serving the City as the new Chamber Director. The council thanked Darla for all of her work over the years and welcomed Donna to the position.

Mike Posson stated a housing study luncheon will be held tomorrow and approximately 50 stakeholders in the community were identified and invited. He also reported on a Kansas Ice House Entrepreneurship Program which will be an 8 week course from March 20th to May 8th in Norton.

Dana Paxton asked if it would be allowed to release paper lanterns for an event in June. James Moreau stated he will talk to the Fire Chief about this.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to waive the formal 3rd reading of Ordinance #1721. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Ordinance #1721, amending a portion of Chapter 3 of the City Code, regulating the sale of cereal malt beverage and beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume within the City. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Donna Foley to accept the following reappointments: Wesley Kirkwood to the Housing Authority Board with term expiring in February of 2023; Curt Walter and Mick Miller to the Planning Commission with terms expiring in February of 2022; John Griffiths to the Economic Development Board with term expiring in February of 2021; Jeremy Hawks to the Recreation Commission with term expiring in February of 2023; John Griffiths to the Airport Board with term expiring in February of 2021; Sandra Worden and Virgil Mock to the 2nd term on the Library Board with the term expiring in February of 2023; Andrea Moreau to the 1st term on the Library Board to replace Janelle Morel with term expiring in February of 2023; and Janiece Walter to fill the unexpired term vacated by David Graham with term expiring in February of 2021. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karen Griffiths stated the Council previously passed an ordinance to levy special assessments on properties in the Linter's Addition for street improvements. Property owners had the opportunity to prepay any or all of their assessments by February 18th, and 3 property owners elected to prepay their assessments in full at \$8,221.15 each, totaling \$24,663.45. Using the prepaid assessments and the unused temporary note proceeds, this leaves approximately \$825,000 to be issued in GO

Bonds. Resolution #4-2019 gives George K Baum & Company the authority to move forward with a competitive bond sale with bids being open on March 20th at 11:00 a.m.; this will be advertised in the local paper, the Kansas Register and the Bond Buyer newspaper. The bid will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest true interest cost.

The matter of providing for the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, came on for consideration and was discussed. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to adopt Resolution #4-2019, a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation bonds, series 2019, of the City of Norton, Kansas. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Assistant Police Chief Jody Enfield reminded everyone of the community meeting being held that evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room with a speaker on Foster Care in Norton County.

James Moreau gave an update on the electric distribution CDBG project. The contractor is substantially complete with their portion of the project. Midstates should be coming out for the testing and commissioning of the reclosures and ABB controls, since this was taken out of the project after the first bid opening to reduce cost.

James stated the City's business protection insurance policy bids are due Friday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. Several bids are expected, and will need to be reviewed to make sure they meet the City's specifications.

James also reported that the bulk rate for red dyed diesel is quite a bit cheaper than buying it by the tank and he suggested the City purchase a truck load. Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Jerry Jones to authorize James to order a truck load of dyed diesel. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the revised Agreement for Communication and Jail Services with Norton County. The agreement is for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2023. The contract shall be subject to renewal or renegotiation 6 months before the expiration date. Either party must give one-year written notice in advance to terminate the agreement. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Ron Briery stated the north 400' of the airport runway has been shut down because it is heaving. FAA has approved funding to tear out and replace it, so it will be fixed this spring when weather allows.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Donna Foley to waive the formal first reading of Ordinance #1722, amending Chapter 12, Article 3 of the City Code pertaining to the use of the livestock barn in Elmwood Park. The Ordinance removes the daily fee to use the livestock barn, but all scheduling for use of the facility must be made in advance through the Clerk's Office. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jerry Jones scheduled a Parks Committee meeting for February 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the 2018 utility write offs and have the City Attorney proceed with the collection process, with the collection fee being assessed as an additional cost as authorized by Ordinance #1700. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Ron Briery to call a Norton City Land Bank meeting to order. Karen Griffiths stated the Land Bank Committee is comprised of the Mayor and City Council, and the Public Works Committee members are the officers of the Land Bank. The Land Bank discussed the lot at 406 S. Second where a house was demolished by the City last year. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to transfer the land at 406 S. Second Street into the City Land Bank, contingent upon having the correct legal documents in place. Karen Griffiths said if the transfer is made, all demolition fees and taxes owed would be forgiven. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to adjourn the Land Bank meeting. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Robert Bowman said the Public Works Committee discussed the condition of streets and alleys, and fixing potholes in the streets will be the first priority. The crews will also work on the alleys as they have time.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve Appropriating Ordinance #4 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller