

March 6, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Donna Foley, and Ron Briery. Gerald Jones was absent. Others present were Damen Andrew, Eric Hethcoat, David Davis, Dean Liddle, Dana Paxton, Dan Sisk, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. The Flag Salute was recited and Damen Andrew gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the February 20, 2019 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

No building or demolition permits were presented.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to waive the formal second reading of Ordinance #1722, amending Chapter 12, Article 3 of the City Code pertaining to the use of the livestock barn in Elmwood Park. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karen Griffiths stated she mailed the forms to transfer the title for the property at 406 S. Second to the Land Bank and is waiting to receive it back. She also reported the Planning Commission met and tentatively approved the new zoning map and are reviewing the revised ordinance to update the City's zoning laws.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber reported on the status of the records management system grant through the Justice Assistance Grant Program. A representative from Interpol will train the police department on using the system March 19-21. Gerry also reported Kaleb Tuxhorn is currently at KLETC Academy and is doing very well. He said the Community Meeting regarding Foster Care held in February went well, and the citizens who attended are pleased with how things are going overall.

City Administrator James Moreau reported on the Business Protection Policy bids received as follows: Boxler Insurance (EMC) - \$128,616; KCamp/KMIT - \$134,309; and Conrade Insurance - \$197,345. Boxler Insurance Agency also indicated the bid they received from Travelers Insurance was \$147,072. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to accept the low bid of \$128,616 from Boxler Insurance Agency through EMC Insurance, and renew the insurance packet effective April 1, 2019. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Eric Hethcoat of BG Consultants was present to report on the final walk-through which was completed today. Work was substantially completed on February 15, per the contract documents. He stated the only thing remaining is final grading in and around the substation, which will be completed as soon as the weather allows. A 2% retainage will be held until the grading is completed. Final completion was supposed to be completed by Friday, March 1, but that date will be extended until the weather is better, which they expect by the middle of April. Mayor Miller signed the Substantial Completion Certificate. Eric said a Final Completion Certificate will be approved when everything is done and a final pay application will be submitted with the required close-out documents.

Donna Foley reported the Trail Committee for Elmwood Park will meet on March 23rd and are tentatively scheduled for training on the trail equipment.

Jerry Jones reported the Parks Committee was notified that Norton might have the opportunity to host the State Legion Baseball tournament this year, and discussed possible improvements to Ryan Field in Elmwood Park. James is researching costs of some possible improvements and the City is working with the Recreation Commission and baseball coaches to see what can be done. Jerry Jones also reported Service Learning Day is March 20 and James will be looking for various projects for the groups to complete.

Jerry Jones stated last Monday there was a power outage and some of the big manufacturing companies lost power several times which is very hard on their equipment. James stated the City was switching from one phase to another, and didn't get it switched over fast enough to prevent the power failure. Jerry stated the businesses could have switched over to their generator if they would have been given advance notice, and in the future, the Electric Distribution Supervisor needs to make sure businesses are notified in advance.

Dennis Gilhousen said it will soon be time to begin watering the football field again, and he thinks the City needs to reestablish communication with the school to try and resolve the watering issue.

James Moreau stated the Public Works Supervisor is putting specifications together for the purchase of a street sweeper, which was budgeted for 2019. They currently have a demonstration sweeper they are trying which has 24 hours on it and they will get a cost on it as well.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Request #5 for Payment of CDBG Funds of \$102,752.88 which includes a payment to Integrated Power Company for electrical construction in the amount of \$210,861.65. The total payment includes local funds in the amount of \$108,108.77. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #5. 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