

May 1, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Gerald Jones, and Donna Foley. Ron Briery was absent. Others present were Darel Boston, Kirk Persinger, Ray Caldwell, Matt Rushton, Natalie Linner, Dana Paxton, Dan Bainter, Chris Davis, Jody Enfield, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Darel Boston gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Donna Foley to approve the April 17, 2019 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Ted Hadley	- \$ 2,000	– Construct temporary ramp on south side of house at 311 W. Woodfield
Shaun Pfeil	- \$ 800	– Construct deck in rear yard at 512 Home
Greg Graham	- \$ 2,000	– Construct screened-in porch on south side of current garage at 606 Sun
Dean Liddle	- \$ 1,200	– Repair of front porch at 306 N. First
Dana Paxton	- \$22,000	– Replacement and addition to deck in back yard at 416 N. Grant
USD #211	- \$29,500	– Construct shop at 109 W. Wilberforce
Scott Esslinger	- \$ 5,000	– Re-roofing at 514 N. Jones
Bob Husted	- \$ 5,300	– Re-roofing at 614 E. Lincoln
Dusty Eagleburger	- \$ 3,000	– Re-roofing at 709 N. Jones
Ron Booth	- \$ 5,316	– Re-roofing at 203 E. Crane
F & F Iron	- \$ 500	- Demolish structure at 501 W. Washington

Representatives of the Amusement Association Board were present and thanked the City for their help and support each year. Kirk Persinger asked if the fair rides could be set up earlier this year, for the new inspection requirements. They are getting a new insurance company and a double inspection will be required; he asked if the rides could be set up between June 1 and June 10. The City will try to accommodate them and have the rides set up sooner. They will keep in contact with the Public Works Supervisor.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to waive the second reading of Ordinance #1724, repealing sections 16-301 through 16-323 of the Norton City Code concerning zoning regulations for the City of Norton, and adopting in its place certain zoning and use district regulations; means of amendment and revisions; and penalties therefore, within the City. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated Carol Mayo has resigned from the Housing Authority Board, and Jill Dole is interested in filling the position. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gerald Jones to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jill Dole to fill the unexpired term on the Housing Authority which will expire on February 28, 2021. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karen Griffiths stated she prepared 2 resolutions amending the Personnel handbook as requested by the Personnel Committee. Motion was made by Donna Foley and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #6-2019, amending the Personnel Rules regarding pay ranges, employee positions and the pay scale. This adds the position of Police Sergeant to the pay scale, and also moves all supervisors to Range 16 on the pay scale. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Donna Foley and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #7-2019, amending the Personnel Rules regarding carry over of vacation time not used by the end of the year, due to an employee being called back for emergency duty. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber introduced the new Police Sergeant, Chris Davis. Chris was previously employed by the Phillips County Sheriff's Office. Chris stated he is originally from Norton and is excited to be back in Norton. A meet and greet event will be scheduled soon to introduce him to the public. Chief Cullumber also said the community shred-it event will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Gerald Jones reported the Utility Committee met and discussed the updated KMEA/SWPA contract which expires in May. Motion was made by Gerald Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to adopt Resolution #8-2019, authorizing the execution of the SWPA Project agreement between the City and the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency; and authorizing any other actions of the City related thereto. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Gerald Jones stated the Utility Committee also reviewed the City of Norton Emergency Water Supply Plan and updates to the plan are being made.

Motion was made by Gerald Jones and seconded by Jerry Jones to accept the bid of \$8,000 plus \$1,100 freight from Hawkins, Inc., for the purchase of activated carbon-feed equipment for the treatment of blue green algae issues from the lake water. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gerald Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve the bid of \$6,337.49 for the repair of the digger truck. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Donna Foley reported the Personnel Committee met and clarified language regarding the per diem for meals when traveling. They also discussed the policy for compensatory time, and use of vacation and sick leave. The Personnel Committee will meet again on May 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to request that the Planning Commission work on a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Norton. The last one was prepared in 1968, and was to serve as a guide for 20 years. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Dennis Gilhousen stated the Finance Committee will meet on Monday, May 6 at 2:30 p.m., to discuss the City's Procurement Policy and the spending authority of the City Administrator. The current policy was established in 2005 and needs to be updated. He would like to have a revised policy to approve by the first meeting in June.

City Clerk Darla Ellis reported a Performance Public Hearing will be held during the next city council meeting at 5:45 p.m., for the CDBG Electric Grant project.

Karen Griffiths stated the Land Bank will need to meet in the future to discuss the property which was recently acquired and what conditions should be followed for the sale of the property.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Appropriating Ordinance #9 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller