

May 15, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Robert Bowman, Gerald Jones, Donna Foley, and Ron Briery. Dennis Gilhousen was absent. Others present were Darel Boston, Jon Boxler, David Davis, Philip Isernhagen, Reva Benien, Natalie Linner, Justine Benoit, Donna Liddle, Dean Liddle, Cindy Cullumber, Dana Paxton, Dan Bainter, Jody Enfield, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Darel Boston gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve the May 1, 2019 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Herbie Johnson - \$ 800 - Construct front deck/steps and foundation repair at 501 Home Street

Willis Daniels - \$2500 - Re-roofing at 502 N. Archer

David Davis and Jon Boxler were present on behalf of Boxler Insurance Agency and EMC Insurance to present a dividend check in the amount of \$27,380.63 to the City of Norton. The City is a participant of the Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance program through EMC Insurance, and a proportionate share of the total group dividend is paid out to all participants.

Philip Isernhagen and Reva Benien were present to discuss fundraising for the Pool Park playground. Reva stated Kiwanis Club and Pride are working together with input from Moms4Kids regarding the equipment options to purchase. They would like to increase the playground area to allow both a play structure and swings, and have submitted a grant application for a handicap accessible swing. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to support them in their plans and write a letter of support for their grant application. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Reva also stated they have planned a Fun Day Fundraiser at Pool Park on June 9th, and requested access to the Aquatic Center with the admission fee waived. Parks Chairman Jerry Jones stated the City has not waived the admission fee in the past when requested, but daily admission is only \$1.50.

At 5:45 p.m., motion was made by Gerald Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to open a Performance Public Hearing to evaluate the performance of the Grant Agreement #17-PF-024 for electric system improvements. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Justine Benoit reviewed the project scope and reported on the total costs for the grant project. On April 25, a final state monitoring was conducted and no deficiencies were found. She stated the total project cost was \$986,998.19, which was \$42,545.79 over budget. The total CDBG grant funds expended equal \$399,552.40. Motion was made by Gerald Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to approve all paperwork required to close out the City of Norton Electrical Project Grant 17-PF-024, including the final Request for Payment of CDBG funds in the amount of \$2,002.40. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chamber Director Donna Liddle reported the Arts Council submitted an application and is being considered for the Smithsonian Exhibition to be at the Heaton Building. She also reported on July 17, they will be producing "Envision Norton" from 11:30 – 1:30. She will be working on a new map for Sebelius Reservoir, and the Chamber, Norton Tourism and Economic Development will be getting a new website by August.

Dana Paxton reported the Norton Telegram is now a weekly newspaper which will be distributed on Wednesday. They will also be moving their office to the north side of the Carter Building at the end of June to reduce expenses.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to waive the third reading of Ordinance #1724. Karen Griffiths stated the Ordinance includes language regarding signage due to a change in the law concerning sign regulations. She also stated after Ordinance #1724 is adopted, an ordinance will be presented to adopt the new zoning map. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Donna Foley to adopt 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.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber reported the Community Shred-it Day was very successful. He stated the Police Department will have representatives and patrol cars at the Moms4Kids Party in the Park this Friday. He also reported Kaleb Tuxhorn graduated from KLETC last Friday, and another Coffee with a Cop event is scheduled for May 31 from 8:30–10:30 a.m. at the police department to introduce the new Sergeant.

City Administrator James Moreau reported Margi Nielsen has been hired as Pool Manager and Rebecca Lenneman as Assistant Pool Manager, at the previously approved hourly rate of pay. They are busy getting lifeguards hired and certified. Opening day will be on Memorial Day, May 27th, 2019.

Ron Briery reported the bid for the runway project has been awarded and construction is expected to begin by September.

Jerry Jones asked if the Public Works crew could drive around Norton and pick up all of the broken curbs now that winter is over. Robert Bowman said a notice needs to be put in the paper about the weed ordinance.

The water conservation rules were discussed and everyone was reminded that the watering restrictions are effective starting on Memorial Day. Outdoor watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited, and watering will be limited to every other day. Properties with addresses ending in an even number shall water on even numbered calendar days, and those with addresses ending in an odd number shall water on odd numbered calendar days. These watering restrictions are in effect from Memorial Day through Labor Day of each year.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Gerald Jones to approve Appropriating Ordinance #10 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller