

April 6, 2016

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Jeff Urban, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Others present were Robert Bowman, Noe Musquiz, Dana Paxton, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the March 16, 2016, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

<i>Ron Keiswetter</i>	\$ 6,000	<i>Construct deck at 1011 Churchill Drive</i>
<i>Kendra Baker</i>	\$ 600	<i>Construct porch at back door at 507 N. Jones</i>
<i>Tobi Boller</i>	\$ 7,100	<i>Reroofing at 412 N. Brown</i>
<i>Herbie Johnson</i>	\$ 3,000	<i>Reroofing carport at 1106 N. Wabash</i>
<i>Walter &amp; Walter Law Office</i>	\$336,000	<i>Construct new commercial building at 211 E. Main</i>
<i>Curt Archibald</i>	\$ 5,694	<i>Reroofing at 613 W. Waverly</i>
<i>Janice Walters</i>	\$ 6,866	<i>Reroofing at 508 N. Second</i>
<i>Jim Hutchens</i>	\$ 6,000	<i>Reroofing at 416 South St.</i>
<i>Jack McLallen</i>	\$ 7,825	<i>Reroofing at 302 W. Taft</i>
<i>Enfield Funeral Home</i>	\$ 45,000	<i>Reroofing at 215 W. Main</i>
<i>Preston &amp; Peggy Pratt</i>	\$ 25,000	<i>Construct garage at 108 E. Park</i>
<i>High Plains Mental Health</i>	\$ 300	<i>Reroofing at 211 S. Norton</i>
<i>David Sattler</i>	\$ 15,000	<i>Construct garage at 803 Sun Ave.</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 9,000	<i>Reroofing at 304 N. Second</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 12,000	<i>Reroofing at 509 E. Main</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 5,245	<i>Reroofing at 411 N. Brown</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 4,596	<i>Reroofing at 705 W. Waverly</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 4,253	<i>Reroof garage at 111 S. Graves</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 9,000	<i>Reroofing at 706 N. State</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 8,000	<i>Reroofing at 603 N. State</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 6,500	<i>Reroofing at 404 W. Crane</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 5,140	<i>Reroofing at 511 N. Norton</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 10,500	<i>Reroofing at 710 N. Norton</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 10,370	<i>Reroofing at 110 E. Warsaw</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 7,500	<i>Reroofing at 606 W. Waverly</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 5,040	<i>Reroofing at 610 N. Second</i>

<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 8,000	<i>Reroofing at 807 N. Norton</i>
<i>Andrew Weskamp</i>	\$ 8,500	<i>Reroofing at 612 N. Second</i>
<i>Mary Arehart</i>	\$ 8,250	<i>Reroofing at 405 N. First</i>
<i>Ryan Manning</i>	\$ 6,150	<i>Reroofing at 409 W. Wilton</i>
<i>Karla Richards</i>	\$ 5,525	<i>Reroofing at 403 W. Waverly</i>
<i>Sherri Lowry</i>	\$ 2,800	<i>Reroofing at 811 N. Jones</i>
<i>Steve Herrs</i>	\$ 3,800	<i>Reroofing at 313 W. Taft</i>
<i>Bobby Tallent/Brenda Sanders</i>	\$ 7,100	<i>Reroofing at 709 W. Waverly</i>
<i>Richard Lindsay</i>	\$ 7,000	<i>Reroofing at 703 Sun Street</i>
<i>Beverly Bethune</i>	\$ 8,300	<i>Reroofing at 709 W. Washington</i>
<i>Alma Hoover</i>	\$ 3,800	<i>Reroofing at 309 N. Norton</i>
<i>Gary Erlenbusch</i>	\$ 7,600	<i>Reroofing at 609 N. Grant</i>
<i>Scott &amp; Dana Kentfield</i>	\$ 7,600	<i>Reroofing at 102 S. Graves</i>
<i>Jerry Moritz</i>	\$ 5,600	<i>Reroofing at 507 West St.</i>
<i>John Kaus</i>	\$ 8,750	<i>Reroofing at 120 E. Park</i>
<i>John Kaus</i>	\$ 5,600	<i>Reroofing at 116 E. Park</i>

Noe Musquiz was present to request permission to have a youth baseball tournament at Ward Field, Busch Field and Bluejay Field on June 18 and 19. He expects to have 16 teams entered to play. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve his request to use the ball fields on June 18 and 19 for a youth baseball tournament. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karen Griffiths reviewed the proposed changes and updates the Planning Commission has been working on regarding zoning regulations. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to waive the 1st reading of Ordinance #1685, amending Chapter 16 of the City Code pertaining to zoning regulations and the Board of Zoning Appeals, within the City of Norton. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chief Ridley reported Ryan Morrill has submitted his resignation as a Police Officer. He has been an asset to the City and will be missed. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to authorize Chief Ridley to advertise for the vacancy in the police department. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chief Ridley stated he has had limited interest in the Police Clerk position. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to authorize Chief Ridley to re-advertise for the part time Police Clerk position. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Ron Briery to move into Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes, with the Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Chief of Police and City Clerk present. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Council resumed in regular session at 6:09 p.m. No motions were made as a result of Executive Session.

City Administrator Chad Buckley reported Pat George would like to meet with the Public Works Committee to discuss the entrance to the parking lot for Valley Hope. A meeting was scheduled for April 12 at 4 p.m.

Chad Buckley presented a quote for a truck load of utility poles from Bridgewell Resources LLC. Gary Lacy asked him to get a few other quotes to compare and then bring the bids to the Utility Committee. Work has begun on the parking lot west of the intersection on State Street and Washington; they are working on the slope to insure it drains properly. Chad also reported the City received a letter from the Division of Water Resources concerning an application to construct an announcer's stand by the arena in Elmwood Park. The stand will be in the floodplain and the permit was approved contingent upon a few conditions being met. Ron Briery asked where they are planning to put it and requested a plan for Council to review.

Chad stated the Jacobson mower will be transferred to the wastewater plant when the new mower is received for the Parks Department. The Public Works crew is finishing the concrete work at the pool and it looks very nice. Council discussed the admission charges for the pool; it was the consensus to leave the prices the same. Chad stated Ed Lawrence is working on some repairs at the pool for Prosser Wilbert Construction. Ron Briery stated the pool needs to be filled early enough to make sure the pumps work. Chad stated the check valves with drains have to be put in before the pool can be filled.

Chad reported he attended the Kansas Rural Water Association conference last week and has several topics he would like to discuss with the Public Works Committee. Karen Griffiths stated she has spoken with Craig Krizek, who takes professional photos, to see if he would be interested in taking pictures for the City's new website. Dr. Krizek would take pictures for the website for a fee and council agreed to have him go ahead and do it.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Don Bolt's request to allow Thunder Promotions, LLC to have races in Elmwood Park on July 30, July 31 and August 20. Gary Lacy stated he expressed concern last year and still has concerns about the safety of having races while the fair carnival is going on. Vote taken. Motion carried 5-1 with Gary Lacy voting no.

Dennis stated there have been ongoing discussions regarding how to handle pool concessions. No changes will be made for the 2016 pool season, and concessions will continue to be operated by pool employees. Possible changes will be discussed further this winter.

Ron Briery said the basketball goals need replaced in Mapes Park; staff will get prices on what needs to be replaced so they can be fixed.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett to approve the sidewalk north of the library, as requested by the library board. Motion died for lack of second. A contractor will not be allowed to put the sidewalk in next to the building, due to drainage issues and the fact that the sprinkler system would need to be moved.

Chriss McDiffett reported a public meeting was held for the Geometric Improvement project on Highway 36. The construction is scheduled to start on April 18 and will take approximately six months to complete. Chad stated they are still trying to decide where the millings will be hauled to and stored.

Gary Lacy reported the Utility Committee will meet with Prairie Land on April 12 at 5:00 p.m. to finalize the details for the transformer project south of Norton. They have given the City interest rates if they finance the project. Chad was asked to request an updated estimate from them prior to the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Ellis reported a temporary alcoholic liquor permit application was submitted by Jesse Johnson, for an event at 1200 N. State Street on April 23, 2016. A state temporary permit has been issued and a city temporary permit will be issued upon payment of the \$50 application fee.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the 2016 American Legion baseball schedule in Elmwood Park as presented. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Appropriating Ordinance #7 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_  
James L. Miller