

## December 21, 2016

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Jeff Urban, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Others present were Steve Cole, Robert Bowman, Lisa Herman, Jamie Amlong, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the December 7, 2016, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Richard Kersch	- \$ 1,000	- Construct carport at 603 N. State Street
John Mapes	- \$28,860	- Construct deck in back yard at 901 Westridge
High Plains Mental Health	- \$ 7,500	- Demolition of dwelling at 906 N. Wabash
Dana Paxton	- \$22,741	- Re-roofing at 416 N. Grant

Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Jerry Jones to waive the formal third reading of Ordinance #1693. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to adopt Ordinance #1693, restricting vehicular parking in an area in the 100 block of South Wabash Avenue within the City of Norton, Kansas. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Ron Briery to waive the formal third reading of Ordinance #1694. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Ron Briery to adopt Ordinance #1694, restricting vehicle parking and mandating certain handicap parking on the north side of the 300 block of E. Washington Street and on the west side of the 100 block of S. Wabash, within the City of Norton, Kansas. The City will install the handicap parking signs and mark the parking spots accordingly. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller presented a plaque of appreciation to Steve Cole for over 45 years of service to the City. He was employed by the City from June of 1971 to December 16, 2016. The Council thanked him for all of his years of hard work. Mayor Miller reported Richard McKenna also retired from the City on December 16 with 29 years of service, but was not present at the meeting to receive his plaque of appreciation.

City Administrator Chad Buckley thanked Steve & Richard for their years of service. He stated John Hanlon is retiring from the Norton Volunteer Fire Department after 25 years and thanked him for his service as well. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Logan Keiswetter and Travis Chisham as new firefighters for the Norton Fire Department. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karen Griffiths stated a demand letter was sent to Wes Bainter regarding the housing project in Ryan Addition. Mr. Bainter has contacted Economic Development; Karen Griffiths will schedule a time she can meet with Mr. Bainter, Chad and Mayor Miller.

Chad reported the City had a waterline break Monday evening and employees worked through the night to fix it. He thanked Dan Bainter, Dusty Eagleburger, Jason Dial, Jamie Amlong, Brad Nuzum and Dan Sisk for helping with the leak. Chad also reported he will be advertising for a Parks Supervisor, Assistant Public Works Supervisor and a Water/Wastewater Plant Operator employee.

Chad stated the Utility Committee met with representatives of the Hospital regarding upgrades that are needed at the hospital, which include a transformer and switch gear. He stated the City Employees could do most of the work to reduce costs.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to donate \$500 to the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center for 2016 from line item 40.40.283. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jerry Jones stated in June of 2015, the Council moved the Code Inspector position under the supervision of the Police Chief. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to move the Code Inspector position back under the supervision of the City Administrator. Vote taken. Motion carried 5-1 with Jeff Urban voting no.

Jerry Jones thanked all of the City Employees and Council who attended the Christmas party and thanked John Carlin and Mike Coffee for fixing the meal.

Dennis Gilhousen asked about the agreement that was drafted with the Amusement Association regarding the building in Elmwood Park. Karen Griffiths stated she drafted it but has not sent it to anyone. Dennis asked that the Amusement Association agreement be delivered to the Amusement Association for review.

Chriss McDiffett reported on the Airport Board meeting and discussion of the federal funds available to the Airport every year.

Chriss also stated the survey of asphalt streets in town has been completed. He stated the Public Works Committee met and briefly discussed the building permit procedure.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Jerry Jones to advertise for a Water/Wastewater Plant Operator at a starting pay range of 9-A, with the stipulation it could start higher if someone has more qualifications. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the 2017 cereal malt beverage license applications as follows:

**Not for Consumption on the Premises:**

<b><u>BUSINESS</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
Shopko Hometown #696	505 W. Holme St.
Jamboree Foods	117 N. Second
Love's Country Store	303 W. Holme
Pester Marketing Co.	812 N. State Street
The Service Oil Co.	101 E. Holme

**For Consumption on the Premises:**

<b><u>BUSINESS</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
Pizza Hut	609 W. Holme
Town & Country Kitchen	419 E. Holme
Destination Kitchen, LLC	115 W. Main St.

Vote taken. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission has discussed an Ordinance regarding temporary pod storage containers. The Ordinance was referred to the Utility Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve Appropriating Ordinance #24 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller declared the meeting to be recessed, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28. Council recessed at 6:00 p.m.

**December 28, 2016**

The Norton City Council reconvened in regular session Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., with Mayor Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Jeff Urban was absent. Others present were Robert Bowman, Lisa Herman, Cameron Archer, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Mayor Miller stated he would like to commend all of the city employees for the work they did this past year. Dennis Gilhousen stated he agreed and wanted to point out that the Electric Distribution crew was out working on Christmas Day because of the high winds. Gary Lacy said he would also like to commend the electric crew for the electrical work they have done.

Chad Buckley reported the City is putting in a new water line in the 100 block of S. Second. The trench has been dug and the line will be installed shortly.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #25 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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

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