

## November 2, 2016

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Chriss McDiffett and Ron Briery. Gary Lacy and Jeff Urban were absent. Others present were Robert Bowman, Dana Paxton, Cameron Archer, Jamie Amlong, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the October 19, 2016, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits and curb replacement requests were presented:

Steve Horney - \$ 200 – Demolish garage at 301 N. Second Street  
LaTierra - \$ 3,000 – Foundation repair at 403 E. Washington  
Cheryl Roberts - \$ 9,000 – Reroofing at 406 N. State Street  
Dan Dole - \$11,767 – Reroofing at 310 N. Wabash  
Dan Dole - \$14,000 – Reroofing at 316 N. Wabash  
Ted Hull - \$ 6,000 – Reroofing at 509 N. State St.  
Mitch Jones - \$ 6,000 – Reroofing at 710 W. Wilton  
Phyllis Mapes - \$11,700 – Reroofing at 307 West St.  
Phyllis Mapes - \$ 4,400 – Reroofing at 309 West St.  
Trinity Episcopal Church - \$ 4,700 – Reroofing at 317 N. State St.  
Trinity Episcopal Church - \$18,800 – Reroofing at 319 N. State St.  
April Karnopp - Curb Replacement request at 903 Kennedy

Fire Chief Cameron Archer reported the Fireman's Christmas party will be held on December 10 and John Hanlon's retirement reception will be held that evening around 7:45 p.m., if the Mayor and Council want to stop in and thank him for his years of service as a fireman.

Robert Bowman asked if a permit is needed to put a hand railing up from the street to the sidewalk at his house. Karen Griffiths stated it cannot be on the right-of-way.

Supervisor Jamie Amlong was present to report the City will run the foam "pig" through the lake line on Tuesday to clean the line. The tower and clearwell will be filled in advance so the water plant can be shut off until it is done. He also reported on work they are doing at the wastewater treatment plant. William Steck has submitted his resignation from the water/wastewater plant; his last day is November 7.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to waive the third reading of Ordinance #1692. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to adopt Ordinance #1692, amending the City Code relating to the appointment dates of the joint Recreation Commission. The City's appointment term will commence on February 28, 2017. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to waive the third reading of Charter Ordinance #19. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to adopt Charter Ordinance #19, in regards to the Norton Library Board appointment. The appointment terms shall begin February 28, 2017. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The last yard waste pick up for the year will be on November 17. Yard waste will resume again next year in the spring. Karen Griffiths stated she will need measurements so she can prepare an ordinance to consider the handicap parking request from the Catholic Church.

Chad Buckley reported the concrete will be poured along the north side of Moffet Drug and the bricks will be put back; the parking area will be opened back up when it is completed. The structure has been demolished and removed from 615 E. Lincoln. The demolition at 208 E. Woodfield will start tomorrow. Jerry Jones asked if the City could get the downtown area cleaned up before the Veteran's Day Holiday. Chad stated the Animal Control Officer has discussed concerns regarding various dog and cat issues and the Public Safety Committee needs to discuss this. He will call Jeff Urban to schedule a committee meeting.

Dennis Gilhousen reported the Parks Committee is looking into options regarding the side-mount mower which is broken. They are looking at repair or replacement of the unit, which is almost 30 years old. The Chamber would like to move the Santa House to the west half of the city parking lot located southeast of the intersection of First and Main Street.

Doug Sebelius met with the Parks Committee about the interest in developing a walking trail along the abandoned railroad property. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to authorize Chad to work with Doug and the Railroad Company, to see what would be required for acquisition of the railway property. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Dennis Gilhousen also reported the Amusement Association would like the old parks building in Elmwood Park torn down, and permission for them to put a metal building on the concrete slab. The Amusement Association has insurance on the Red Barn in Elmwood Park, and could add the new building to this policy. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement with the Amusement Association, outlining the requirements for them to set a building at that location and protect the city's interest regarding liability. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Appropriating Ordinance #21. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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

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