

## January 18, 2017

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Chriss McDuffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Jeff Urban was absent. Others present were Robert Bowman, Alma Hoover, Dana Paxton, Dan Bainter, Cameron Archer, Kyle Jones, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the January 4, 2017, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

No building permits were presented.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to accept the bid of \$20,216.71 from Motorola Solutions for eight 800 MHz radios and 1 800 MHz truck mount radio. This was a budgeted item for 2017 and is about \$250 over the amount budgeted. Vote taken. Motion carried.

City Clerk Darla Ellis gave the oath of office to re-elected council members Chriss McDuffett of Ward I, Gary Lacy of Ward II and Ron Briery of Ward III and Certificates of Election were distributed.

Motion was made by Chriss McDuffett and seconded by Jerry Jones to nominate Ron Briery as Council President. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Ron Ridley reported Officer Amanda Dreher started the KLETC Academy yesterday and will graduate in April. She drove her vehicle this week since the patrol car wasn't done but when she goes back next time, she'll take the city vehicle.

Chad Buckley stated the City received notice that they were awarded the CDBG Community Improvement grant of \$400,000 for electrical system upgrades. The City was also awarded a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation in cooperation with K-State Research and Extension to provide funds for a civil engineering intern this summer.

Interviews were held for the vacant Parks Supervisor position. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to promote Jan Maley from Maintenance III to Parks Supervisor at a pay range of 15-C, retroactive to January 15, 2017. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Interviews were held for the vacant Assistant Public Works Supervisor position. Motion was made by Chriss McDuffett and seconded by Gary Lacy to promote Jason Dial from Maintenance III to Assistant Public Works Supervisor at a pay range of 13-A, retroactive to January 15, 2017. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDuffett to hire Mike Pfannenstiel as a Maintenance II position in the Public Works Department at a starting pay range of 7-F. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chad Buckley reported he and Jamie met with J.P. Metzler of RMA Engineering at the sewer plant, regarding the lack of air entering the digesters. J.P. is getting information together for the Utility Committee.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to adopt Resolution #2-2017, adopting the annual salaries for certain city employees of the City for 2017. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chriss McDuffett reported Bud Posson was elected Airport Board Chairman. Shad Chandler has requested to build a new hangar at the Airport. There is an underground electric line at the airport, and Chriss McDuffett told Chad the City needs to make sure he is aware of where the line is at before he starts building.

Gary Lacy reported the Utility Committee met and discussed the lighting in the water plant. Dan Sisk will work with Jamie Amlong to make the necessary improvements. Jamie is also looking into certification on backflow prevention.

Ag Valley has requested water services at their facility north of the airport. The nearest service is 1640 feet from them and the line will need to be bored under the taxiway at the airport. Ag Valley is willing to sign an agreement to purchase 1 million gallons of water per year for at least six years if the City will install a 6" water main to their property line at the City's expense. The City would also put a fire hydrant at the end of the line. Ag Valley would be responsible to install the water service from the tap to the point of use, and would also be responsible for installing and maintaining the appropriate backflow prevention device. Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDuffett to proceed with the agreement with Ag

Valley, if the guaranteed water use over six years will pay for the cost to install the line. If it will not pay for the cost over six years, then it will be taken back to committee. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Ron Briery to rebuild the electrical system at the hospital with the City supplying the materials and labor, including the new line to the transformer and the transformer, contingent upon them completing the new addition. Vote taken. Motion carried 4-0 with Dennis Gilhousen abstaining from the vote.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to waive the formal first reading on Ordinance #1695, amending Chapter 16 of the City Code as it pertains to zoning regulations within the City of Norton, regarding the regulation of temporary storage/shipping containers. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Gary Lacy to adopt Resolution #3-2017, amending the City of Norton Employee Handbook and Norton Personnel Rules, regarding the election dates of the Personnel Committee. The dates will be changed from April to February to coincide with the new election dates for government officials. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #4-2017, amending the City of Norton Employee Handbook and Norton Personnel Rules, regarding donations to the sick leave bank by employees who leave in good standing after at least 10 years of service. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to adopt Resolution #5-2017, amending the City of Norton Employee Handbook and Norton Personnel Rules, regarding donations of sick leave credits by active employees when the sick leave bank has 500 or fewer hours in it. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Gary Lacy to increase the amount paid to volunteer fireman for fire calls from \$25 to \$30, and increase the amount paid to attend fire meetings from \$10 to \$15. The increase was included in the 2017 budget. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Darla Ellis reported Thomas Outdoor Advertising, Inc. has sent the City a request to renew their lease for their existing advertising sign on City owned property located in the 100 block of S. State Street, for a period of 5 years. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to accept a one year lease agreement with Thomas Outdoor Advertising, Inc. for their advertising sign on S. State Street. Karen Griffiths will notify them of the change in terms. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Ron Briery stated he received a complaint that the barricades around the basements at the Bainter housing project has been down since Christmas. Chad stated he would contact Mr. Bainter.

Gary Lacy stated many generators are being hooked up to residential houses recently; the Utility Committee will be discussing a policy specifying requirements for hooking up the generators.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #2 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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

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