

June 21, 2017

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy, and Ron Briery. Jeff Urban arrived at 5:34 p.m. Others present were Zack Hughes, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley, and Darla Ellis. Keli Habiger arrived at 5:48 p.m.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the June 7, 2017, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits and sidewalk/curb replacement requests were presented:

Curtis Glenn	- \$ 2500	- Construct dwelling addition at 506 E. Main
John Millan	- \$12000	- Construct dwelling addition at 1008 N. Wabash
Gosselin Rentals	- \$ 1500	- Reroofing garage at 316 N. Jones
Anthony Knoll	- \$ 9000	- Reroofing at 409 West Street

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber stated he and the Code Inspector worked together to get the car removed from the Love's parking lot that had been there since November. It has been taken to the impound lot. Two new police vests have been purchased with a 50% grant. The 2009 Dodge Charger canine car has been sold. He also reported that Assistant Chief of Police Mark Dewees has submitted his notice of resignation. His last day with the Police Department will be July 2, 2017.

City Administrator Chad Buckley reported the structure at 517 W. Washington has been demolished and removed. The City can proceed with putting the property which is owned by the City Land Bank on the market to sell. Chriss McDiffett stated the Land Bank Committee met and discussed how to sell property after it is cleaned up and Chad will develop some written guidelines to adopt for the sale of the Land Bank properties, including a minimum bid or the right to reject all bids.

City Administrator Chad Buckley reported he recommends that the Animal Control Officer's monthly salary be changed to \$22.00 per day, payable monthly. This will allow the City to pay his substitute a per day fee when he is out of town or needs someone to cover his duties, rather than him paying them out of his pay. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to change the Animal Control to a per day rate of \$22, and have the City Attorney prepare a resolution. After discussion, motion was withdrawn with permission of the second, so the substitutes could be asked their opinion.

Karen Griffiths stated the rate could be changed to a per day rate effective July 1 and then Chad could report back to council regarding the substitute's opinion. Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Jerry Jones to change the Animal Control Officer's monthly salary to \$22 per day, payable monthly beginning July 1. Vote taken. Motion carried.

At 5:45 p.m., Mayor Miller declared the Public Hearing to be in session for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the City of Norton for Local Revolving Loan Funds under the Economic Development category. City Clerk Darla Ellis informed the council on how the revolving loan fund was developed. Keli Habiger, Economic Development Director, presented an application made by Kats & Anderson, LLC., for the purchase of the Kowpoke Supply and Lumber business located at 415 E. Holme. The total estimated project cost is \$1,350,000, of which \$60,000 is being requested from the City of Norton Revolving Loan Funds. The project will create 4 new jobs and retain 1 job. No citizens present had any public comments. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Jeff Urban to approve the application from Kats & Anderson, LLC., for a revolving loan fund loan in the amount of \$60,000, contingent upon approval of their SBA loan. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Darla Beasley's request for 24' of sidewalk replacement at 313 W. Main. The City will provide the labor and the property owner is responsible for the cost of material; the project will not get done until fall. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Bob Neff's request for 30' of sidewalk replacement at 211 N. First. The City will provide the labor and the property owner is responsible for the cost of material; the project will not get done until fall. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chad Buckley reported an area of paving along Sunset has been replaced. The new electrical cabinet east of the hospital has been installed. Bryant and Bryant have poured the concrete street on Second, and have started removal of the paving on Crane Street. Thaniel with BG Consultants will be here for a progress meeting tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. The City crews will start putting up fair rides next Monday. A City crew will be fixing the bricks by the Farm Bureau building. The Car Show will be held July 7-8 and the City is working with the Car Club to satisfy their requests.

Chad Buckley stated he would like to sell the Crown Victoria next, and would like to use Purple Wave Auction. Gerry Cullumber stated he has been very pleased with Purple Wave. Ron Briery suggested the City list the remaining vehicles to sell with Purple Wave. Chad stated he would like to sell one first and then if the City is satisfied, the others could be listed.

Zach Hughes, Engineering Intern, presented a proposal for the purchase of a LEICA Geosystem device. This was a budgeted expenditure for 2017. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve the purchase of a Leica Zeno 20 Android CDMA & Zeno Mobile Handheld package Geosystem device from Allen Precision Equipment at a cost of \$6,945. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jerry Jones asked how the Click it or Ticket campaign went. Chief Cullumber stated Jacob Hess was in charge of the campaign and is putting a report together.

Dennis Gilhousen stated the Parks Committee met with the Amusement Association and the contractor regarding the building in Elmwood Park; it was decided not to use the existing footings so they are to come up with another plan and bring it back to the Parks Committee.

Jeff Urban asked if the City is going to get the pickup ordered for the Meter Reader which was budgeted. The Ford he was driving broke down and so he is driving the four wheel drive pickup that gets very poor gas mileage. Chad stated he wants to wait until later in the year to see what the financial situation is, and a vehicle might be transferred from another department until then. Ron Briery suggested that after the surplus property is sold, those funds could be used to purchase him a vehicle.

Ron Briery asked if Chad had gotten any information regarding the tower on the old Ice Plant. Jerry Jones thought it had been there quite a while. Chad was asked to check into it.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve the use of the Legion Field inside the racetrack from July 14-22 to host the Zone Tournament for American Legion baseball. The exact dates will be selected in the near future. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the revised Norton Arena Schedule for 2017, to include addition dates for various events. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Appropriating Ordinance #12 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller