

May 16, 2018

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 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. Mark Dewees was absent. Others present were Jon Boxler, Robert Bowman, Cameron Archer, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Chief Cullumber led those present in the Flag Salute and gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve the May 2, 2018 city council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Robert Hoover	- \$ 2,500 – Move in dwelling at 503 N. Archer
Shaun/Jolene Pfeil	- \$80,000 – Dwelling remodel and addition at 411 W. Woodfield
Randy/Cindy Linner	- \$ 2,500 – Demolition of dwelling at 108 S. Case Ave.
Jeanette Krizek	- \$ 7,500 – Reroofing at 504 W. Crane
Kowpoke Rentals	- \$ 6,000 – Reroofing at 510 N. Grant
Kowpoke Rentals	- \$ 6,000 – Reroofing at 316 S. First
Pat Taylor	- \$ 4,000 – Reroofing at 207 N. Wabash
Roger Wetter	- \$10,000 – Reroofing at 208 N. Wabash

Jon Boxler was present on behalf of Boxler Insurance Agency and EMC Insurance to present a dividend check in the amount of \$24,975.80 to the City of Norton. The Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance program through EMC Insurance includes over 450 cities, and a proportionate share of the total group dividend is paid out to all participants.

Robert Bowman reported whoever was using Ward Field Saturday night left the lights on all night. Mayor Miller asked the Police Chief to have the officer on duty keep an eye on this.

Fire Chief Cameron Archer reported he and Kyle Jones went to Sioux Falls, S.D. for the pre-build of the new fire truck. He said there were a few things they missed in the original specifications which will cost about \$417. The new truck will be built and should be delivered a year from now.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve Resolution #11-2018, approving and adopting an agreement between the City of Norton and the City of Clayton for joint assistance on the hauling and disposal of certain water treatment residues generated from the treatment of a public water supply system. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Police Chief Gerry Cullumber reported he has hired Austin Tucker from Nebraska to fill the vacant Police Officer position at a starting salary range of 9-B. Austin will start on June 4, 2018. He also reported a community wide meeting will be held at the Library on June 19, to allow the public a chance to ask questions and voice concerns from 6 - 7:30 p.m. More information will be advertised in the future.

City Administrator James Moreau stated the City is still waiting for the delivery and installation of the Leopold underdrain and air header piping for filter 1 at the water plant. Water usage has been increasing with the dry conditions and watering of lawns, and with only one filter in operation at this time, water restrictions may become necessary. He stated the Mayor can issue a water shortage by executive order under City Code 15-110, if needed. The most important thing would be to restrict lawn watering during the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the most evaporative time of the day.

Dennis Gilhousen stated the school board is favorable towards continuing discussions on the water at the football field. A decision will be needed regarding where the best place would be to put down a test well.

Motion was made by Chriss McDuffett and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve Terry Crow's request for approximately 24 feet of sidewalk and curb and gutter replacement at 204 E. Washington Street, with the City providing the labor and the landowner paying the cost of materials. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chriss McDuffett and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve Delma Lee's request for approximately 5 feet of sidewalk replacement at 409 N. First Street with the City providing the labor and the landowner paying the cost of materials. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDuffett to approve the purchase of a 2012 Ford Lariat from Walter Motor Company for \$22,500, for the City Administrator. The Finance Committee had asked him to go to the local dealers and see what was available to purchase. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Ron Briery reported the Airport Board is discussing problems with the runway heaving. He stated they need to replace about 300 feet of the north end of the runway. They are eligible for \$600,000 in federal funds and are putting a proposal together.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to adopt Resolution #12-2018, setting a hearing on July 5 at 5:45 p.m., regarding the condition of the property and structures at 406 S. Second. A notice and order was originally sent to the property owner on February 9, 2018. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Appropriating Ordinance #10 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller