

## June 6, 2018

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 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. Mark Dewees was absent. Others present were Charles Dansforth, Darla Beasley, Abbey Horn, Cameron Archer, Austin Tucker, Jody Enfield, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Jody Enfield led those present in the Flag Salute and Charles Dansforth gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the May 16, 2018 city council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Tom Thomas	- \$ 8,000 – Reroofing at 902 Crestview Drive
Janis Monier	- \$ 29,000 – Commercial remodel and roof recoating at 112 S. State Street
Dan Hazlett	- \$ 2,000 – Reroofing at 341 S. First
Carol Griffith	- \$ 4,000 – Construct deck at 704 N. First
Marvin Wudtke	- \$ 7,000 – Reroofing at 1001 Hartford Ave.
Debby Meyers	- \$ 400 – Demolition of trailer house at 406 E. Wilberforce

Charles Dansforth from the Methodist Church was present to follow up with the City regarding using the showers at the Aquatic Center for a biking event scheduled for June 24, 2018. The Nebraska United Methodist Bike Ride will travel through Norton with 140 bikers expected. He stated they should be there to use the showers before the pool closes on June 24, but asked if the City could keep it open to use them if it is later than 8 p.m. The Parks Committee will meet with the Pool Manager to see if it is possible to stay after 8 p.m. if needed, and to notify her of the possibility of additional swimmers for staffing purposes.

Darla Beasley was present to inform the City of an upcoming project sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, called Norton-opoly. She reported both Stockton and Phillipsburg sponsored this event and were very successful. Norton businesses who are Chamber members will have the option of buying a space on the game board for \$250. Other options are to sponsor Community cards, Chance cards or game tokens. Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to purchase the Jail spot and two Chance cards for \$300 for the Chamber's Norton-opoly project. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated he would like to thank the volunteers who are taking care of the flower pots downtown. He stated it adds to our downtown beautification and looks very nice.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber introduced Austin Tucker, who began employment as a Police Officer on June 4. He is also a Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve. Chief Cullumber also announced Assistant Chief of Police Jody Enfield has been accepted to the Kansas Police Administrator's Seminar this month in Hutchinson.

Chief Cullumber reported on the sale of the City's 1988 Bobcat Skid Loader and the 1985 Ford 3 Ton Fire Truck, in addition to vehicles from the impound lot, on Purple Wave Auction recently. He will be listing more impound lot vehicles in the future. Chief Cullumber stated he met last week with the Norton County Sheriff regarding the Agreement for Communication and Jail Services and proposed the City would assume full financial responsibility for two of the five full time dispatch positions with benefits. It is still in the discussion stage. City Administrator James Moreau stated the City also has received bids from surrounding counties to perform the dispatch service if necessary.

James Moreau stated the equipment for the water plant filter has been shipped and should arrive and be installed in the next few weeks.

Jerry Jones thanked James for having the curbs, gutters and streets sprayed for weeds this year.

Dennis Gilhousen reported school officials met with city officials at Elmwood Park, to decide on the best location for a few test wells for watering at the football field. A water driller has been contacted and will put down a few test wells to see if there is sufficient water to proceed. The \$15,000 amount refunded to the school will be used, and then the cost would be split equally. Chriss McDiffett commended Dennis on the work he's done and the progress he's made.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Gary Lacy to approve the proposed supplemental agreement between the City and RMA Engineering, LLC, for Construction Phase Services for the street improvement project for Valley Vista, Woods, Wilberforce and Brown Street, at a total lump sum cost not to exceed \$92,500. James stated this is about 13% of construction services, which is very reasonable. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chriss McDiffett stated the Contractor is now planning on a firm start date of June 25 for the street improvement project. A pre-construction conference will be held on June 14 at 11 a.m. at the Library Community Room and the homeowner's involved in the project are welcomed to attend. Chriss stated the homeowners should be kept informed of what is going on throughout the project. Information regarding the

project will be posted and updated on the City's website at [www.cityofnorton.com](http://www.cityofnorton.com) and posts will be made on the City's Facebook page as well.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the revised 2018 Elmwood Park schedule, to include the K-18 baseball schedule. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #11 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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

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