

**November 7, 2018**

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy, and Ron Briery. Others present were Kirk Kasson, Eric Hethcoat, Gail Boller, Dan Bainter, Dan Sisk, Cameron Archer, Cynthia Cullumber, Gerry Cullumber, Jody Enfield, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Chief Cullumber led those present in the Flag Salute and Kirk Kasson gave the invocation. Kirk Kasson left the meeting.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the October 17, 2018 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Jeanette Krizek - \$ 1,500 – Construct new front porch with roof at 807 N. Wabash

Douglas Daniels - \$ 0 – Demolish front porch at 301 E. Penn St.

Herman Braun - \$ 0 – Curb cut at 808 Valley Vista

Eric Hethcoat of BG Consultants reported he held a meeting today with representatives from the City, Integrated Power Company, and Northwest Kansas Planning Commission, regarding the CDBG Electric Distribution project. Integrated Power Company will be mobilizing on site on Monday, November 12, and will begin construction on Tuesday. The reclosures which were supposed to be delayed will also be on site Monday. The contractor plans to work five 10 hour days and possibly work ½ days on Saturdays to finish the project on schedule. They plan to have most of the underground done by the end of November and can expect some possible shutdowns in December, which will be between the hours of 12 and 4 a.m., and will be announced in advance. According to their planned schedule, they hope to be substantially complete by January 15. Pay requests will be submitted at the end of each month, to be approved by city council the first meeting of each month. Following his report, Eric Hethcoat left the meeting.

Gail Boller was present on behalf of the Norton County Community Foundation and is continuing his fundraising efforts to increase the Foundation's endowment funds. He reported a total of \$178,030 was donated last year, which includes a \$50,000 matching gift from the Hansen Foundation. He said he firmly believes the Foundation will be self-funding in 5-6 years and will do for Norton County what the Hansen Foundation has been doing for Northwest Kansas for years. Gail Boller left the meeting after his report.

City Administrator James Moreau reported Randy Perales has been promoted from Maintenance I to Maintenance II, and Tom Heaslet has been hired to fill the Maintenance I position in the Public Works Department. He stated the city-wide fall clean-up went well and helps to get properties cleaned up. Norton County approved the third half price clean-up property, and the owner will be responsible for demolition.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Ron Briery to authorize the transfer of \$58,008.90 from the Special Pool Sales Tax fund to the General Pool Fund to cover the deficit for the 2018 pool season. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jerry Jones stated he noticed the gates by the grandstands that are put up for the fair have not been removed yet. Public Works Supervisor Dan Bainter stated the City does not put those up or take them down.

Dennis Gilhousen stated there have been discussions with school representatives regarding watering at the football field, and the City would like to get the issue resolved before watering begins again next spring. James Moreau said the Utility Committee needs to discuss several issues. A committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Robert Bowman asked if 2 holes and a rough spot at the intersection of Armory Drive and Hartford could be fixed. James stated they could fix it and asked if any council members see any areas that need fixed, to let him know and they would add it to the list.

City Clerk Darla Ellis reminded everyone the City will be closed on Monday, November 12 for the Veteran's Day Holiday and Monday's trash route will be picked up on Tuesday, November 13. The last yard waste collection for the year will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>. She also stated the City will be closed on November 22-23 for the Thanksgiving holiday and recyclables will not be picked up that week.

Fire Chief Cameron Archer reported he expects the new fire truck will be finished and ready for delivery in May or June of 2019.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Appropriating Ordinance #21 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