

## December 19, 2018

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, December 19, 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 Mitch Walter, Neal Willmeth, Richard and Tammy Miller, Kenneth and Nancy Kent, Payton Janzing, Cassie Gilhousen, Corey Roy, Makayla Cadwalader, Scott and Brenda Beutler, Josh Zuelke, Barbara Goeken, Amanda Dreher, Crystal Richard, Kaleb Tuxhorn, Sarah Crawford, Gerald Jones, Dana Paxton, Jamie Amlong, Cynthia Cullumber, Gerry Cullumber, Jody Enfield, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Jody Enfield led those present in the Flag Salute and Chief Cullumber gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the December 5, 2018 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permit was presented:

Dean Liddle - \$1,800 – Demolition of dwelling at 811 N. Archer

Craig Renner, heirs and/or assigns - \$20,000 – Remodel dwelling and repair roof at 212 Pearl

Mitch Walter, Bond Counsel from Gilmore & Bell, introduced himself and stated he will be assisting the City with the bond issue for the street improvement project. George K. Baum Company assisted the City with temporary notes for the construction financing and now that the project is completed, the final costs are known. The City will issue bonds for 75% of the project cost and the property owners in the improvement district will be responsible for 25% of the project cost. Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Gary Lacy to open a public hearing for the purpose of receiving written or oral objections and considering proposed assessments for the costs of certain internal improvements previously authorized by the governing body of the City. It was determined by the governing body that notice of the public hearing was duly published and mailed in accordance with K.S.A. 12-6a01 *et seq.* Richard Miller stated the residents were happy to find out the final project cost was less than originally estimated, and he stated the construction work done by Smoky Hill was very good. Mitch Walter explained the timetable of events for paying the assessment and issuing the bonds. Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the formal first reading of Ordinance #1720, levying special assessments on certain property to pay the costs of internal improvements in the City of Norton, Kansas, as previously authorized by Resolution #4-2018 of the City, and providing for the collection of such special assessments. This levy of assessments is for the purpose of paying the costs of the street improvements on Valley Vista Drive, North Brown Avenue, Woods Street, and Wilberforce Street. The amounts assessed shall be due and payable from and after the date of publication of the Ordinance, and may be paid in whole or in part within 30 days from the date of the publication. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Police Officer Crystal Richard introduced Payton Janzing and his mother Cassie Gilhousen. She stated a project called Patches for Payton was started last year by former Officer Amanda Dreher, to raise awareness for autism. Law Enforcement agencies from all over the United States donated patches and then a quilt was made using the patches. Donation containers were set up around Norton and the funds were used to make the quilt. Crystal presented Payton with the quilt, a pillow with a large patch from New York representing 9-11, a scrapbook of letters received, and a basket of goodies including stickers and pencils and remaining patches. A check for the remaining balance of donations was also presented to help pay medical expenses. A special thanks was expressed to Stitch up a Storm, who did the quilting and donated part of their labor.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to waive the second reading of Ordinance #1718, amending section 15-204 of the Norton City Code relating to utility service water tap fees. This updates the tap fees to be consistent with the City's cost. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to waive the second reading of Ordinance #1719, amending Section 15-302 of the Norton City Code relating to electric utility point of delivery. This clarifies the City's and owner's responsibility for overhead and underground electric service; all facilities must be installed in accordance with the current National Electric Code and the City's Line Policy. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated the City lost an employee last week and asked that everyone keep Barry Madden's family in their thoughts. He stated Barry was a dedicated and dependable employee and the City will miss him and appreciates his work for the City.

Karen Griffiths stated she has prepared an ordinance regarding the new laws on cereal malt beverage licenses, which will go into effect on April 1, 2019. A Public Safety committee meeting will be set after the first of the year to review the proposed ordinance.

James Moreau reported the water line which needs repaired in the 200 block of S. Graves is under the railroad crossing, and therefore the City will have to obtain the permits required by the railroad company, before any boring can be done in the area. He stated the permit process will take about 6-8 weeks before

the needed repairs can be made. James also stated he got a quote for a hydra-stop machine and will be discussing it with committee after the first of the year.

Jerry Jones stated he would like to wish all of the City staff and City Council a Merry Christmas. The other council members agreed with his sentiments. Jamie Amlong presented a card to the Mayor and Council which was signed by the employees, in appreciation of everything they have done throughout the year.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Appropriating Ordinance #24 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to recess the council meeting, to reconvene on Friday, December 28, at 12 noon, to conduct year-end business. Vote taken. Motion carried.

**December 28, 2018**

The Norton City Council reconvened in regular session Friday, December 28, 2018, at 12:00 noon, with Mayor Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, and Ron Briery. Quorum was not present. Council member Chriss McDiffett was contacted by phone and put on speaker phone. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Ron Briery, and Chriss McDiffett by speaker phone. Robert Bowman and Gary Lacy were absent. Others present were Lisa Herman, James Moreau, Karen Griffiths, and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to approve Appropriating Ordinance #25 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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

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