

**January 2, 2019**

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Gary Lacy, and Ron Briery. Chriss McDiffett was absent. Others present were Donna Foley, 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 Robert Bowman to approve the December 19, 2018 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

No building permits were presented.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to waive the third reading of Ordinance #1718. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to adopt 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 third reading of Ordinance #1719. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to adopt 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. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Gary Lacy to waive the formal second 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. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Gerry Cullumber stated the Police Department has been exceptionally busy the last few days. James Moreau reported city crews are also busy trying to remove snow to clean off the streets and get the trash pickup caught up from the holidays. Dennis Gilhousen stated he has enjoyed working with Chriss McDiffett and Gary Lacy as council members.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Request #3 for Payment of CDBG Funds for \$107,348.71 for the CDBG Electric Grant project; this includes \$102,473.71 to Integrated Power Company for electrical construction, and \$4,875.00 to NWKP&DC for administration. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to adopt Resolution #1-2019, waiving the annual requirement of generally accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Robert Bowman to adopt Resolution #2-2019, adopting the annual salaries for certain city employees of the City for 2019. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller presented an appreciation plaque to Gary Lacy for his service to the City as councilman of Ward II from April 20, 1993 to April 18, 1995; and from April 16, 2014 to January 14, 2019. He also expressed appreciation to Chriss McDiffett for his service to the City as councilman of Ward I from April 16, 2014 to January 14, 2019. The newly elected council members will be sworn in by the City Clerk on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve Appropriating Ordinance #1 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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

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