

April 3, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Gerald Jones, Donna Foley, and Ron Briery. Others present were Robert Mohr, Bob Neff, Dana Paxton, Dan Bainter, Gerry Cullumber, Jody Enfield, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Robert Mohr gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Gerald Jones to approve the March 20, 2019 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Drew Eagleburger – \$ 7,000 - reroofing at 703 N. First

Elaine Clark - \$ 8,000 – reroofing at 804 W. Wilberforce

Bob Neff was present to request the City’s assistance with the drag races again this year during the car show on July 13. The airport property would need to be mowed prior to, and bleachers and trash cans moved to the event. In the past, the police department has also ran radar during the races. He will meet with the Airport Board to get their approval also. Council agreed to provide assistance for the drag races on July 13, contingent upon Airport Board approval. Bob stated he would like to schedule an alternate day in case it gets rained out, and appreciates the support the City has given over the years.

Karen Griffiths reported on the zoning regulation revisions which were approved by the Planning Commission. She said the zoning districts were renamed and moderate changes were made to update the regulations, but nothing changed in how zoning regulations are applied. New zoning maps were prepared by Olsson Associates. The Public Safety Committee will discuss it in more detail on April 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber stated Kaleb Tuxhorn is doing well at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and will graduate May 10. Austin Tucker will start the Academy on April 8, and graduate in July. He reported his department has launched their new records management program. He also announced the Police Department and Moffet Drug will co-sponsor a community shred-it day on May 4th. The department will also be involved in a summer reading program and a national night out for a community barbecue in the upcoming months.

City Administrator James Moreau updated the City Council on the various projects each City department is working on. He stated the City’s Gallion motor grader has been repaired and will be used to repair some alleys, and he is looking for a good used oil distributor and a used roller to use on street repairs. The fuel tank equipment for bulk fuel storage is being finalized and he hopes to order fuel and have it delivered by Friday. He is also working on implementing a repair and replacement program. The City is still waiting for the railroad to approve the plans to replace the water line under the railroad.

Donna Foley said she received a citizen complaint regarding cracking on the Armory walking trail. James stated he will look at it to see how bad it is. Jerry Jones stated members of the Parks Committee attended the recreation commission meeting, but had nothing to report since there wasn’t a quorum at the meeting. He also asked if the road in Elmwood Park could be fixed before softball and baseball season starts.

Robert Bowman stated the Public Works Committee met and talked about repairing the potholes in the streets and alleys. The Committee agreed that the streets need to be fixed before work is done on alleys.

Motion was made by Gerald Jones and seconded by Donna Foley to approve the request for water and sewer services outside the city limits for Kyle and Tosha Kats at 15250 Robinson Creek Ln. They have signed an Agreement to Extend Services and Consent to Annexation. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Dana Paxton asked if releasing floating paper lanterns is allowed in the city limits. James stated he had reported at the last council meeting that they would only be allowed during the time frame allowed for shooting of fireworks, which is June 27th through July 5th. Dana also stated a business owner had expressed concern regarding the speed of semi-trucks going through town on Highway 283, and asked if anything can be done. Chief Cullumber stated he will make sure enforcement is increased in this area.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #7. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller