

## April 17, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Gerald Jones, and Donna Foley. Ron Briery was absent. Others present were Robert Mohr, Scott Sproul, Buck Driggs, Donna Liddle, Dean Liddle, Cindy Cullumber, Cameron Archer, Dan Bainter, Jody Enfield, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Robert Mohr gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve the April 3, 2019 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permit was presented:

Todd & Hannah Bolt – \$500 – Construct deck at 813 N. Jones

Scott Sproul and Buck Driggs presented the proposed Master Plan for Elmwood Park. They stated a group of stakeholders that use Elmwood Park have had ongoing discussions regarding the feasibility of upgrades and improvements to the park area. The suggested improvements were incorporated into a Master Plan prepared by Driggs Design Group, PA. They presented details regarding the proposed improvements in each area of the park and said they would like the City Council's ideas and comments regarding the viability of the proposed plan so they can provide feedback to the stakeholders. He said the next step is to get approval for the use of the land from the City; then they can work on funding for the project and build a financial plan. Jerry Jones said discussions regarding these improvements have been ongoing for 4 or 5 years. Scott asked the Council to give their feedback to James and then they will proceed from there.

Dean Liddle said the Airport Board has given approval for drag races at the airport. They are working out details for a burnout pit and a beer garden. The Chamber is working on getting a major sponsor for the event. Dean stated he will continue to keep everyone updated as details are worked out.

Donna Liddle, Executive Director for the Norton Chamber, reported the Big Kansas Road Trip will be May 2-5 which will increase traffic through Norton. She has been in contact with a Model T group that is interested in having photos taken at some locations in Norton. She also stated Northwest Kansas Travel Council will decide next week whether to participate in the Kansas State Fair this year for tourism purposes.

Mayor Miller stated Cameron Archer has recommended Kyle Jones for the Assistant Fire Chief position, which is vacant due to the retirement of Steve Otter, and Shawn Gosselin to take Kyle's position as the Captain. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kyle Jones to the Assistant Fire Chief position, and move Shawn Gosselin into the Captain position. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber said his officers have been very busy the last few weeks assisting various agencies including the Sheriff's Office and KBI with several tragedies which occurred in our community.

City Administrator James Moreau stated in 2018, the Public Safety Committee authorized the Police Department to move forward with trying to fill a Sergeant position. He reported an Officer who is certified and qualified has been recommended for the position. The new position needs to be approved and added to the Employee Positions in the Personnel Manual with a Pay Range specified. Motion was made by Donna Foley and seconded by Jerry Jones to add a Police Sergeant position to the Personnel Manual on pay range 12 of the pay scale. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Donna Foley and seconded by Gerald Jones to offer the Sergeant position to Chris Davis, and authorize starting him on Step C of Range 12 on the payscale, because of his qualifications and certifications. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The Utility Committee will meet on April 22 at 4 p.m., to discuss the updated KMEA/SWPA contract which expires in May.

Donna Foley reported the Economic Development Board met and extended the Executive Director's employment contract for 3 years, with performance and salary to be reviewed annually.

Jerry Jones stated the proposed zoning regulation revisions were reviewed with the Public Safety Committee. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Robert Bowman to waive the first reading of Ordinance #1724, repealing sections 16-301 through 16-323 of the Norton City Code concerning zoning regulations for the City of Norton, and adopting in its place certain zoning and use district regulations; means of amendment and revisions; and penalties therefore, within the City. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the revised zoning maps which were prepared by Olsson Associates. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Dennis Gilhousen stated he has been going to Chamber of Commerce meetings for 3 or 4 years, and there is a new energy and some exciting things being discussed.

Robert Bowman asked if the swimming pool is ready to open yet. James stated there is still some work to do and the City is still accepting applications for Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, and Lifeguards.

Motion was made by Gerald Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Request #6 for Payment of CDBG Funds of \$8,108.96 which includes a payment of \$2,925 to NWKP&DC for administration, and a payment of \$5,183.96 to Integrated Power Company for electrical construction. The total payment to Integrated Power Company is \$16,445.56 which includes local funds in the amount of \$11,261.60. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve Appropriating Ordinance #8 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to move into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel regarding the performance evaluation of an employee, with the Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, and City Clerk present, beginning at 6:17 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Council resumed in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to modify Section 2 of the City Administrator's employment agreement, to extend the term of his contract an additional 3 years from April 30, 2019 to April 29, 2022. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Jerry Jones to amend Section 4 of the City Administrator's employment agreement, by increasing his current salary by 5%, to be reviewed annually. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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

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