

August 21, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, August 21, 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 Gerry Cullumber, Cindy Cullumber, Kyle Jones, Cameron Archer, Dan Bainter, Rick Rostek, Jeff Laubach, Brian Thompson, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Patty Rowh. Rick Rostek gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve the August 7, 2019, city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Allan Miller - \$25,000 – Construct Deck at 806 Valley Vista
Chris Cuthbertson - \$ 9,500 – Re-roofing at 1118 N. State Street
Steve Schrum - \$ 2,500 – Re-roofing at 309 W. Holme

Brian Thompson from Mapes and Miller was present to give the 2018 audit report. He gave a clean audit opinion in accordance with the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide. There were no statutory violations. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to accept the 2018 audit report. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Jeff Laubach from S.B.B. Engineering, a civil engineer consultant for Casey’s General Store, was present to talk about the entrances to the property at 101 E. Holme St. The proposed plan included two access points on highway 283 and one on highway 36. KDOT’s preference is to have two access points: one on the north end of the property on highway 283 and the other access point from N. Norton Avenue. A street improvement project would be required on N. Norton Avenue. The estimated construction cost to improve N. Norton Avenue is \$391,718.75. They are asking the city to pay 2/3 of the cost. Mr. Laubach gave the council a preliminary design of the N. Norton Avenue improvement. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for August 30 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss funding for the project.

Fire Chief Cameron Archer informed the council that the new fire truck is here and invited the mayor and council to look at it after the meeting.

Police Chief Gerry Cullumber reported that while he and Assistant Chief Jody Enfield were gone last week the police department seized 40 grams of Methamphetamine, 30 grams of marijuana, 80 various tablets including diazepam, oxycontin and other drugs. There were also seizures in cash and some cars. He also reported that in mid-September the department will have a swearing in ceremony for officers.

City Administrator James Moreau reported that the City of Norton was approved for a CCLIP project for 2021. It is a geometric improvement project for the first 800 feet east of the intersection of highway 283 and highway 36. The project would start 350 feet east of the intersection and then going east 800 feet to approximately past the first driveway of Kowpoke Supply. The cost is 5% up to \$1,000,000 then full cost for anything over \$1,000,000. The initial cost is under \$1,000,000 so the City’s cost would be close to \$50,000 which was budgeted for 2020. Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Ron Briery to approve the CCLIP project request for the highway 36 project. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Ron Briery reported that the Airport Board had a preliminary construction meeting with the contractor for the 300 feet of runway that will be replaced. The project may start around September 16 and could be completed approximately October 26.

Jerry Jones reported on the Parks Committee meeting. There was a group of individuals at the meeting interested in making a dog park in Norton. They were asked to bring more information to the committee.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #16 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller