

June 15, 2016

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy and Ron Briery. Jeff Urban was absent. Others present were Robert Bowman, Lisa Herman, Cameron Archer, Dan Bainter, Ron Ridley, Karen Griffiths, Chad Buckley and Darla Ellis.

Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve the June 1, 2016, council meeting minutes as written. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

<i>Kaenon Keiswetter</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>	<i>Demolish shed and construct deck at 801 N. Archer</i>
<i>Love's Travel Stop #60</i>	<i>\$30,000.00</i>	<i>Demolition of building at 301 W. Holme</i>
<i>Ron Anderson</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>	<i>Curb cut for paved alley driveway</i>
<i>Chase Rice</i>	<i>\$ unknown</i>	<i>Drill water well at 214 White Horse Drive</i>
<i>Jack Barnard</i>	<i>\$ 9,339.80</i>	<i>Reroofing at 702 N. State Street</i>
<i>Jan Maley</i>	<i>\$ 3,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 412 W. Pearl</i>
<i>Doug Frickey</i>	<i>\$ 5,800.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 510 Sunset Dr.</i>
<i>Tara Esslinger</i>	<i>\$14,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 316 N. Grant</i>
<i>Brian Hartman</i>	<i>\$ 9,500.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 308 N. Wabash</i>
<i>Baptist Church Parsonage</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>	<i>Reroofing at 304 N. Wabash</i>

Mayor Miller announced that Gavin Lively has been selected to participate in the Shrine Bowl this year, which will be played in Emporia on July 30, 2016.

Karen Griffiths stated she attended the City Attorney's meeting recently, where they discussed the open carry of firearms by City employees; she will prepare a memo regarding the changes for the City Council.

Chief of Police Ron Ridley stated he continues to try to fill the Police/Court Clerk position and the Police Officer positions, and has been conducting interviews.

City Administrator Chad Buckley reported a 3-year employment contract has been drawn up with Chief of Police Ron Ridley, and reviewed by the Finance Committee. The contract is from July 1st, 2016, through June 30th, 2019. Motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the 3-year employment contract with Chief of Police Ron Ridley. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chad also reported on the progress of the Highway 36 Geometric Improvement project and the projects completed by the Public Works department, Parks department and Electric Distribution department. He stated security cameras have been ordered for the Aquatic Center and interviews are being done for the water/wastewater plant

operator position. He updated the council on the testing for the chemical change at the water plant and stated the results have been positive. He thanked the Norton Correctional Facility for bringing transportation to the prison crew after their van had a mechanical failure earlier this week.

Jeff Younger with Natural Gas Services would like to meet with the Utility Committee to discuss a natural gas supply contract. They will meet with him tomorrow and conduct an interview afterward.

Chad announced that he is making a cutoff time of 3:30 p.m. regarding utility service requests. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Gary Lacy to have a cutoff time of 3:30 p.m. to have any utility hookups or disconnects done during the current day. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Dennis Gilhousen stated the issue on the agenda regarding the skate park has been resolved and was a fairly simple issue to deal with, that could have gone to Parks Committee rather than to City Council.

Chriss McDiffett stated the Public Works Committee will discuss Moffet's curb and sidewalk request.

Gary Lacy stated the Utility Committee would like to direct staff to proceed with applying for a Community Development Block Grant application for electrical improvements for this year.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve Resolution #10-2016, making additions and amendments to the City of Norton Employee Handbook. Vote taken. Motion carried.

City Clerk Darla Ellis reported World Fuel Services, Inc. sold their controlling stock interest of Pester Marketing Company to Western Alta Holdings LP. They have submitted a new cereal malt beverage license application reflecting the new information. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the cereal malt beverage license application for Alta Convenience Store #6206 located at 808 N. State Street. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve Appropriating Ordinance #12. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karen Griffiths reported the City has a Facebook page now, and so if residents like us on Facebook at "City of Norton, Kansas", they will start getting the notifications the City posts.

Mayor Miller stated the first gas bill at the pool this summer was \$749.

Ron Briery reported that Travel and Tourism currently gives 25% of their funds to the Chamber and they are considering increasing it to 35%. The 25% is in an agreement that will need to be modified.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller