

**September 19, 2018**

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Jim Miller presiding. Council members present were Jerry Jones, Chriss McDiffett, Gary Lacy, and Ron Briery. Dennis Gilhousen and Mark Dewees were absent. Others present were Kirk Kasson, Karla Reed, Darin Campbell, Scott Christensen, Robert Bowman, Dana Paxton, Jody Enfield, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Chief Cullumber led those present in the Flag Salute and Kirk Kasson gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the September 5, 2018 city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Janice Ebner	- \$ 7,000 – Re-roofing at 513 N. Graves
Gene Brian	- \$ 6,000 – Construct dwelling addition at 705 N. Wabash
Gregg Glennemeier	- \$30,000 – Construct dwelling addition at 312 Ward Ave.
Jake Dodd	- \$ 100 – Install accessory building at 309 E. Lincoln
Joe Wray	- \$ 4,200 – Move in storage container at 501 W. Main
Pizza Hut	- \$ 5,000 – Set storage container & commercial addition/remodel at 609 W. Holme

Dana Paxton stated the Police Department conducted a search and seizure a few weeks ago and expressed her concern regarding the damage that was done to personal items in the home during the search. She stated she is not condoning illegal behavior by anyone, but was upset that personal items were broken and destroyed. Chief Cullumber stated if there is a concern of how the search was conducted, a complaint can be filed by the owner of the property, and he will be happy to discuss the items that were broken. He said if someone chooses to engage in illegal activity, they are at risk of having a search done at any time.

Karen Griffiths reported the Board of Zoning Appeals held a hearing on September 17 to consider a request for a setback variance from the current setback allowance of 15 feet from the street line to a setback of 9 feet from the street line for the purposes of rebuilding a front porch and steps at 312 S. Wabash. There were no objections from the public and the variance request was approved.

The Planning Commission discussed an ordinance regarding fencing requirements and regulations and recommends the City consider the ordinance. Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to waive the first reading of Ordinance #1717, amending Chapter 16, Article 3, regarding zoning regulations as to fencing within the City of Norton. Vote taken. Motion carried 3-1 with Jerry Jones voting no.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber reported Java will be hosting a “Coffee with a Cop” event on Friday, September 21 from 8:30–10:00 a.m., and encouraged the public to attend. He also reported he is submitting a Justice Assistance grant application for a records management system for the police department. He also will be getting information on the speed limit radar signs that tell your current speed.

City Administrator James Moreau reported the last concrete pour for the Street Improvement project is planned for this Friday. Woods is the last street to complete and will be opened in about a week. He also reported the paving work is done on Washington Street. One lane has been opened and the other side will be opened after a driveway is repaired. James said the city crew did a very nice job and it is very smooth.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to approve the dates of October 22-24 for the Fall City-wide cleanup days. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Jerry Jones to schedule the last yard waste pickup for this year on November 15, with yard waste pickup to resume in the spring. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve the request for water services outside the city limits for Darin and Julie Campbell at 16404 US Hwy 36. They have signed a Water Service Agreement and Consent to Annexation. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Karla Reed was present regarding the 60 day time extension which was granted to her on July 18 for the property at 814 N. Grant. She stated she still needs to do some painting and the tree has not been removed yet. Motion was made by Chriss McDiffett and seconded by Gary Lacy to accept her property violations as completed. Vote taken. Motion tied 2-2 with Chriss McDiffett and Gary Lacy voting yes, and Ron Briery and Jerry Jones voting no. Motion carried with Mayor Miller breaking the tie by voting yes.

Motion was made by Gary Lacy and seconded by Chriss McDiffett to approve Appropriating Ordinance #18 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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

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