

July 17, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, July 17, 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 Donna Liddle, Dean Liddle, Cindy Cullumber, Dan Bainter, Chris Davis, Jody Enfield, Gerry Cullumber, Karen Griffiths, James Moreau, and Patty Rowh. Chief Cullumber gave the invocation.

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

The following building permits were presented:

Shawn & Lea Harding - \$ 62,000 - Construct garage/shop at 1009 N. Norton
Chris & Joslyn Henson - \$ 7,000 – Construct deck at 1009 Hartford
Ronnie Anderson - \$ 20,000 – Construct dwelling addition at 504 N. Brown
David & Sara Brehmer - \$ 8,000 – Construct pergola at 808 Valley Vista
Shad & Amy Chandler - \$ 500 – Install fence at 111 W. Main
Kellen & Emily Jacobs - \$ 7,000 – Re-roofing at 904 Crestview
Carrie Fentiman - \$ 9,000 - Re-roofing at 315 N. State

Dean Liddle was present and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and the help that the city employees provided for the car show. He mentioned possibly setting up a study group to discuss the feasibility to provide tourist information at Veteran’s Park through the kiosk. It would be the only place along Highway 36 with tourist information accessible 24 hours. He also talked about putting in a car charging station there as well.

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber reported on the status of filling the vacant police officer position. Six applications were received. A conditional offer was made to one of the applicants. He is certified and will be starting within the next month.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Jerry Jones to accept the request for 55’ of curb replacement at 116 N. State on the north side of the property. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Donna Foley and seconded by Ron Briery to adopt Resolution #12-2019, making additions and amendments to the Employee Handbook and Norton Personnel Rules, to allow the Police Department to do a training reimbursement agreement for purposes of retention of trained police officers. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery and seconded by Donna Foley to approve the Training Reimbursement Agreement for newly hired uncertified police officers. Vote taken. Motion carried.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths was asked to send a letter to Norton County, telling them they are in breach of the contract for rescue van services because the yearly fee has not been paid. Ron asked if the fees for the rescue van runs can be submitted to the insurance company of the person that is being helped. Karen and James with research the matter.

Dennis Gilhousen stated the Finance Committee will meet Thursday, July 18th at 4:00 p.m., to review the proposed 2020 budget. The 2020 Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 7th at 5:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve Appropriating Ordinance #14 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Briery to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor: _____
James L. Miller