

October 2, 2019

The Norton City Council met in regular session Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., with Council President Ron Briery presiding. Other council members present were Jerry Jones, Dennis Gilhousen, Robert Bowman, Gerald Jones, and Donna Foley. Mayor Jim Miller and City Attorney Karen Griffiths were absent. Others present were Damen Andrew, Dean Liddle, Gerry Cullumber, James Moreau, and Darla Ellis. Damen Andrew gave the invocation, and then left the meeting.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Dennis Gilhousen to approve the September 18, 2019, city council meeting minutes. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The following building permits were presented:

Mark Ulmer - \$ 1,000 – Reroofing at 308 N. Second
Randall Ball - \$ 2,500 – Reroofing at 301 E. Holme
Ed Berlier - \$ 5,000 – Construct garage at 510 N. First

Chief of Police Gerry Cullumber stated he contacted the owner of Hillcrest Motel regarding how many trucks park in the Veteran’s Memorial Park area while staying at the motel. The owner stated it would affect him if it were changed to a one-hour parking restriction. Chief Cullumber stated it could be made a one-hour parking zone from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and then overnight parking could be allowed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The Council asked the Police Department to monitor the parking in the Veteran’s Memorial Park for a while and if truck parking becomes a major problem, it will be brought back to council.

Chief Cullumber also reported he is going to be towing some abandoned automobiles around town.

James Moreau reported the project engineer for the business development at Highway 283 and 36 received KDOT approval on their proposal for 1 entrance off Highway 36 at the east boundary and the existing entrance off Highway 283. The drainage ditch along N. Norton will be discussed by the City at some point.

Jerry Jones asked if the turning lanes which KDOT marked on Highway 36 last week are temporary or permanent. A number of complaints and concerns have been expressed by the public over the new design. He also asked if the Public Works crew is going to get a block of Washington Street done before the end of the year as originally planned. James stated the crew will be completing the south half of the 500 block of W. Waverly and when it is finished, they will get a block of Washington Street done.

James Moreau reported Bradley Nuzum has submitted his resignation from the Electric Distribution department effective October 7. A Utility Committee meeting will be held to discuss the vacant position.

James also reported the City’s CCLIP project was approved and assigned a project number, for the first 800 feet east of the Total Station on Highway 36. The City will advertise for preliminary design engineering qualifications on October 9, with proposals due by October 25, for the Public Works committee to review. After a design engineer is selected, KDOT will work with the engineering firm to negotiate the cost; the City’s cost will be 5% of the total. The project will be designed in 2020 with a bid date of March, 2021.

Jerry Jones reported the Parks Committee met with representatives from the Recreation Commission, K-18 baseball, and American Legion baseball regarding the future maintenance of the ballfields.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman and seconded by Gerald Jones to approve the request for 35 feet of sidewalk replacement at 206 W. Waverly; the City will provide the labor and the property owner is responsible for the cost of materials. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Gilhousen and seconded by Robert Bowman to approve Appropriating Ordinance #19 as a whole. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gerald Jones to adjourn. Council adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Council President: _____
Ron Briery