

(Continued from Page 1) was a reasonable amount of time. The contractor asked for 60 days and Miller and Associates came up with 30 days. They compromised on 45.

A motion was made to accept the change order, but not the additional 45 days. The motion passed with Mr. Briery and Councilmen Jerry Jones and Jim Williams voting yes and Mrs. Mann and Councilwomen Kim Snyder and Donna Foley voting no. Mayor David Corns broke the tie with a yes vote, passing the motion.

After more discussion, a second motion was made to grant the contractor an additional 30 days to make up for the extra work. The motion passed with Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Foley and Mr. Williams voting yes and Mr. Briery and Mr. Jones voting no. The new deadline to have the water plant completed is Jan. 31.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Assistant Police Chief Jeremy Hartwell that he has heard nothing but negative comments about disbanding the police department. He said a lot of people didn't know about the Public Safety Committee meeting where it was discussed and thought that the newspaper should have reported more than it did about the meeting.

Mrs. Foley said it will take a

long time to even discuss joining the police and sheriff departments and that they will be talking about it at future public safety meetings. The meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend and voice their opinions.

- Held a public hearing to amend the 2008 budget. There was no public comment on the amendments and so the council closed the hearing and then amended the budget as presented.

- Accepted the 2006 audit report and gave the auditor authority to file the appropriate paperwork.

- Heard from Mr. Corns that after the first of the year, they will need to look at hiring a police chief, with the understanding that it could be a part-time position. He said this is necessary, because of the time it will take to discuss consolidation with the sheriff's department.

- Heard from Mr. Corns that the city needs to look into getting carbon monoxide and smoke detectors or into a system that notifies dispatch when there is carbon monoxide or smoke for the city building. City Administrator Rob Lawson will look into what is available.

- Received a letter from Municipal Court Judge Jerry Hawks asking that criminal and traffic fines older than 2000 be written off and that others be sent to a collection agency. The request was sent to the Finance Committee

for review.

- Were reminded by City Attorney Karen Griffiths that the council needed to be careful what they went into closed session for and that they stay on topic when in closed session.

- Gave a 3 percent cost of living raise to city employees. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Briery voting no.

- Gave city employees Monday, Dec. 31 off, as well as Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday by a 5-1 vote with Mr. Briery voting no.

- Hired John Carlin as the new power plant trainee. Mr. Carlin already works for the city at the power plant part-time. The second applicant has a family member who works at the power plant and it's the city's policy not to have family members working together in the same department.

- Accepted the easements from the East Lincoln Street property owners, who wanted to give the city their sewer main. By accepting the easements, the city is now responsible for the repair and upkeep of the sewer main.

- Commended city crews for their efforts with keeping the streets snow-free. They have done a tremendous job, said Mrs. Mann.

- Recessed the meeting until noon on Friday, Dec. 28 to take care of any end-of-year business.

Holidays close businesses for second week

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McDonald's will be open regular business hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., both days; Town and Country Kitchen will close at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve and be open until 2 p.m. New Year's Day; Pizza Hut/Taco Bell will maintain their regular schedule both days of 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Hidden Dragon Chinese Restaurant will be closed New Year's Eve but be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. New Year's Day; K & S Center and Whitefields Coffee House will be closed both days; the Cardinal Bar and Grill, Norcat, is planning a New Year's Eve bash with a seafood buffet and karaoke. Reservations are not required, but would be appreciated. Call Jerry at 785-693-4499.

Bars

O'Brien's Pit Stop is planning

a New Year's Eve Party. The bar opens at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon and the party is planned to begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be karaoke and an open "mike" night. It is undecided what time the bar will reopen New Year's Day.

Theater

Norton Theatre will have a second week of showing "National Treasure: Book of Secrets", rated PG and a third week of "Alvin and the Chipmunks" also rated PG. On New Year's Eve, show times are 5 p.m. and 7:35 p.m.; on New Year's Day there will only be one showing at 7 p.m. Since both are premier movies, only premier movie passes will be accepted.

Discount Stores

Pamida will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Dollar General will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. New Year's Eve and be open regular hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. New Year's Day.

Pharmacies

Moffet Drug Store will close early New Year's Eve and be closed all day Jan. 1. Pamida Pharmacy will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 29 until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Public Offices

The Norton County Courthouse will be closed New Year's Day while Norton City Offices will be closed both Monday and Tuesday. The Norton Public Library will close at noon New Year's Eve and be closed all day Tuesday. The U.S. Post Office will close at their regular time of 4:30 p.m. Monday and be closed Tuesday as will the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Healthcare

The Doctors Clinic and the Norton County Health Department will both maintain their regular business hours on Monday, but be closed all day New Year's Day.

Cover Your Acres planned for Jan. 22-23

(Continued from Page 1) Corn and Grain Sorghum Performance; The State of Fertilizer in 2008; Spray Application Technology; Soil Quality Change in No-till; Plant Stand Management; Cellulosic Ethanol; Avoiding Strip-till Mistakes; Improving Capture and Use of Water; Water Rights and Depleting Water; Spray Application Technology; and others.

Many of the sessions will run

concurrently and will be repeated, so participants can attend as many sessions as possible, said Brian Olson, conference coordinator and northwest area agronomist with K-State Research and Extension.

A panel of farmers discussing the ins and outs of crop rotations is one of several highlights of the conference, Mr. Olson said.

Continuing education credits for certified crop consultants

will be applied for for all of the university-based sessions, except the farmer panels.

Early registration to attend one day is \$20 and for both days, \$38 to be paid by Jan. 16. After that date, and at the door, the registration fee to attend is \$40 for one day and \$80 for both days.

For more information including registration, contact the Northwest Research and Extension Center at 785-462-6281.

Norton Community High School Students of the Month for October 2007

Zoey Meyers



Parents: Travis & Casey Meyers
Grade: Freshman

Nominating Staff Members — Brenda Mann & Dale Engelbert

"Zoey is an excellent student! She works very hard in class, works well with any other student (and we have some difficult students in her hour), uses her time wisely and is very kind and considerate" — Mrs. Mann

"I would like to nominate Zoey Meyers as the student of the month because she is a very good math student, is a hard worker, and is very polite and very respectful to teachers and others students. She has a good sense of humor." — Mr. Engelbert

Factoids about Zoey

- Favorite Class: Art
- Favorite Drink: Vanilla Fanta
- Favorite Color: Red
- Favorite Food: Fresh Baked Pretzels
- Favorite Movie: Hot Fuzzy
- Favorite Saying: "Pretty as an airport or macked down the criddle and peel apart."
- Favorite Song: "Crazy" by BNL
- Favorite Hang out: My home.
- Personal Hero: Buffy
- Future Plans: Make it through the school year.

Levi Ninemire



Parents: James & Peggy Ninemire
Grade: Senior

Nominating Staff Member — Erin Hill

"I would like to nominate Levi Ninemire for student of the month. He has done an excellent job in class this year, staying on task and volunteering to read and answer questions. I can tell how hard he has been working to get the best grades he can, and he is always willing to help out/explain things to others during class. His enthusiasm for learning has impressed me tremendously!" — Mrs. Hill

Factoids about Levi

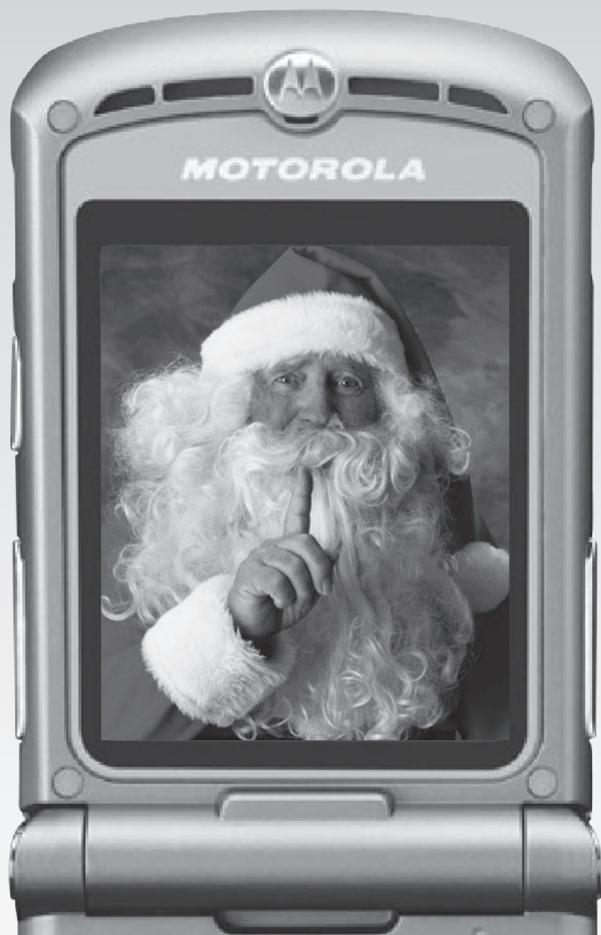
- Favorite Class: Ag Projects
- Favorite Drink: Mountain Dew
- Favorite Color: Blue
- Favorite Food: T-Bone Steak
- Favorite Movie: Super Troopers
- Favorite Saying: "Flippin' Sweet!"
- Favorite Song: "Guys Liek Liek Me"
- Favorite Hang out: My shop
- Personal Hero: My parents
- Future Plans: Go to NCTKC for welding

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