

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on July 19, 2021. Acting Mayor Billy Steiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for roll call: Council Members Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Norland, City Attorney Chris Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, Community Development Director Fischer, Public Works Director Host, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: City Administrator Harrenstein.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Council Minutes from June 28, 2021, Council Meeting.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 28, 2021. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 52-21 Accepting Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Authorized City Administrator to Execute the Labor Agreement Between the City of North Mankato and North Mankato Police Department Senior Police Secretary Law Enforcement Services, Inc. (Local No. 465) from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.
- D. Approved Audio Permit for North Mankato Civic and Commerce Picnic on August 19, 2021, from 5 pm to 9 pm at Spring Lake Park Shelter #1.
- E. Approved Audio Permit for Door of Hope Ministries, We Walk With Them on October 3, 2021, from 9 am to 5 pm at Spring Lake Park Shelter #1.
- F. Approved Audio Permit for Concerts on Commerce on August 26, 2021, from 11 am to 1 pm at 1960 Commerce Drive.
- G. Approved Audio Permit for Ron Goodrich at 1518 LorRay Drive on July 30, 31, from 7:45-9:45 pm and August 1, from 10:00 -12:00 pm
- H. Approved Park Permit for Elaine Hardwick at Wheeler Park on August 28 and 29, 2021.
- I. Approved Park and Audio Permit for Elaine Hardwick at Wheeler Park on October 2, 2021, Audio from 11 am to 2 pm
- J. Approved Park and Audio Permit for Elaine Hardwick at Benson Park on September 25, 2021, Audio from 4 pm to 8 pm.
- K. Authorized the City Administrator to Execute the All Seasons Arena Operating Service Agreement.

Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

None.

Business Items**Preliminary and Final Plat of Valley View Subdivision No. 6. A replat of Lot 1 & 2, Block 2, Valley View Subdivision. A request from Todd and Barbara Mettler.**

Community Development Director Fischer reported the applicant's own two residential lots on Howard Drive described as Lots 1 & 2, Valley View Subdivision. Their current home, addressed as 1909 Howard Drive, is on Lot 2 and Lot 1 was vacant with the exception of a driveway to serve the home. Currently, the applicants are constructing a new home on the vacant lot and are selling the existing home addressed as 1909 Howard Drive. The applicants are proposing to replat the two lots to accommodate both homes. In summary, the two lots would be replatted based on the location of both homes and driveways. Each home would meet the building setbacks, including the driveways, which are subject to setbacks. He commented that the Planning Commission reviewed the plats and recommended approval.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to Approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of Valley View Subdivision No. 6. A replat of Lot 1 & 2, Block 2, Valley View Subdivision. A request from Todd and Barbara Mettler. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 53-21 Authorizing City Administrator to Approve the Musco Softball Lighting Purchase Agreement for Caswell Softball Improvements-Phase 1 Project No. 21-04.

Public Works Director Host reported the City utilized the State of Minnesota's Cooperative Purchasing Venture in accordance with Minn. Statute 16C.03, Subd. 10, which provides predetermined preferential pricing through approved vendors. The total cost for the lighting is \$478,900, which does not include installation. The installation will be bid with the rest of the project. Council Member Norland asked if the lighting would be more energy efficient. Public Works Director Host commented that there would be savings. Council Member Oachs requested clarification on if the City could get a rebate for changing to LED. Public Works Director Host reported the savings would be due to energy efficiency, and the project was not subject to a rebate.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to Adopt Res. No. 53-21 Authorizing the City Administrator to Approve the Musco Softball Lighting Purchase Agreement for Caswell Softball Improvements-Phase 1 Project No. 21-04. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 54-21 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$11,365,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021A, Pledging for the Security Thereof Tax Increments, Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof, and Authorizing the Execution of a Pledge Agreement.

Mayor Dehen commented that the bonds included \$2.3 million matching funds for the Caswell upgrades to be completed in 2021, funds to upgrade the electrical on Belgrade Avenue, and the matching funds for the indoor recreation facility when the State Legislature approves the bonding request.

Ms. Omdal, the City's bond Counsel from Northland Securities, reported the City went out for bid on Monday, July 19, 2021, and received five bids. The final interest rate was 1.65%, with the low bid from Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. Before going out for bid, the City sought a rating from S&P, which affirmed the City's AA Rating.

Bidder	Purchase Price	Net Interest Cost	True Interest Cost (TIC)
Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.	\$12,214,400.55	\$2,098,451.67	1.6472017%
The Baker Group	\$12,055,243.84	\$2,141,931.72	1.6929621%
Keybank Capital Markets	\$12,214,208.05	\$2,213,044.17	1.7374161%
Morgan Stanley & Co, LLC	\$12,181,020.00	\$2,211,294.44	1.7399344%
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.	\$12,298,434.30	\$2,230,330.70	1.7432399%

Council Member Whitlock moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to Adopt Res. No. 54-21 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$11,365,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021A, Pledging for the Security Thereof Tax Increments, Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof, and Authorizing the Execution of a Pledge Agreement. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Open Forum

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and requested the Council consider a Historic Preservation Committee.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Public Works Director Host reported work continues on the Soccer Field, and the earthwork will begin soon. He noted Cliff Court reconstruction is moving smoothly, and Harrison Avenue is in its final stages. Public Works Director Host commented that seal coating is moving full-steam ahead, and fog-sealing will soon follow.

Public Works Director Host commented that water conservation might be coming due to the lack of rain and the State’s direction.

Public Works Director Host reminded everyone that Blues on Belgrade would be occurring on Saturday, July 24th.

Finance Director McCann reported the 2022 budget process has begun.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Oachs invited everyone to Blues on Belgrade on Saturday.

Council Member Norland reported she would be donating a magazine to the library that studies non-profits and provides information to help prevent scams.

Council Member Steiner commented that a library board meeting was held the previous week, and the library is now open on Saturdays. He noted a lot of activities are occurring.

Council Member Steiner motioned to bring discussion about a Historic Preservation Committee to a Council Work Session. Council Member Oachs joined in the motion.

Mayor Dehen commented that the library just hosted an ice cream social, and the swim facility held its second adult swim night on July 16, 2021. He commented additional adult nights will be occurring and invited everyone out.

Mayor Dehen thanked Boy Scout Jon Luepke for donating wheelchair-accessible picnic tables to the Fallenstein playground.

Mayor Dehen thanked staff and everyone who attended Fun Days.

At 7:22 pm, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Oachs, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk