

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 May 3, 2021. City Administrator Harrenstein on March 31, 2020, under MN Statute Section 13D.021, declared the use of electronic meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present remotely through Zoom for roll call: Council Members Whitlock, Oachs, and Steiner, City Administrator Harrenstein, City Attorney Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, and Public Works Director Host, present in the Council Chambers for roll call: Mayor Dehen, Council Member Norland, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Citizen participation was available through teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Council Minutes from April 19, 2021, Council Meeting.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of April 19, 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 Oachs, to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 34-21 Accepting Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Audio Permit for September 25, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Spring Lake Park Shelters 1, 2, and 3 for Our Community has Heart Event 2021.
- D. Approved Parade and Park Permit for September 25, 2021, for Lasting Imprint's Our Community Has Heart Event 2021.
- E. Approved On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor, Sunday On-Sale Liquor, and a Soft Drink License for Mi Pueblo Tres LLC d/b/a Mi Pueblo Mexican Restaurant at 1754 Commerce Dr. Ste 103.
- F. Approved Wine License, 3.2 Beer On-Sale, Sunday On-Sale, and Soft Drink License for North Mankato Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Comfort Inn & Suites, 2000 Commerce Drive.
- G. Res. No. 35-21 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement-532 Page Avenue.
- H. Approved Audio and Park Permit for May 8, 2021, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cinco de mayo event Spring Lake Park Shelter #1.
- I. Accepted Petition for Vacation for Trail's West Estates and Set a Public Hearing for 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2021.

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**Ordinance No. 142, An Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota Annexing Land Located in Belgrade Township, Nicollet County Minnesota Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.033 Subdivision 5, Permitting Annexation by Ordinance.**

Community Development Director Fischer reported Ordinance No. 142 will annex 2.57 acres located on the west end of Pleasant View Drive. The property was previously platted and zoned for the construction of townhomes, contingent on successful annexation. The City held a public hearing on March 1, 2021, and no comments were made concerning the annexation.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to Adopt Ordinance No. 142, An Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota Annexing Land Located in Belgrade Township, Nicollet County Minnesota Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.033 Subdivision 5, Permitting Annexation by Ordinance. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 36-21 Receiving Donation from Mankato Area Softball Association and Accepting Terms of the Agreement.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the simple Memorandum of Understanding includes a \$200,000 donation that will be used for Caswell Park lighting upgrades which will occur as part of the \$2 million improvements. The MOU also covers Caswell Sports' operation of the League. The first \$100,000 will be donated within 30-days of the City commencing the installation of lights, and the second \$100,000 will be donated within 30-days of the completion of the installation. Mayor Dehen commented this was an ongoing long-standing relationship.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to adopt Res. No. 36-21 Receiving Donation from Mankato Area Softball Association and Accepting Terms of the Agreement. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 37-21 Accepting Bids Caswell North Soccer Complex Field Reconstruction City Project No. 21-03.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the resolution would accept three aspects of work for the Caswell North Soccer Complex Field reconstruction: earthwork, turf installation, and lighting. The work includes the creation of a grass field to expand the facility.

Public Works Director Host reported the three items addressed in the resolution. The City utilized the State of Minnesota's Cooperative Purchasing Venture for the lighting and turf, which provides predetermined preferential pricing through approved vendors. FieldTurf USA received the bid and quoted \$323,630.54 for the turf. Musco Sports Lighting, LLC received the bid and quoted \$366,657.00 for the lights. Public Works Director Host reported the earthwork was competitively bid with contractors completing a prequalification form. Seven contractors submitted, and five contractors were accepted and submitted bids. Peterson Companies was the low bid at \$747,444.000. The City has not worked with the company, but Anderson Johnson Associates, Inc., who assisted with the bid project and are a subsidiary of Bolton & Menk, have worked with them and believe Peterson Companies is qualified to complete the project.

Public Works Director Host reported the resolution would accept the earthwork bid from Peterson Companies and accept the quotes from FieldTurf USA and Musco Sports Lighting.

Council Member Oachs requested clarification on if the bids came in high or low compared to the estimate. Public Works Director Host reported staff estimates for the earthwork were

approximately \$900,000, so the bid was approximately \$150,000 below estimate. Mayor Dehen requested clarification on if the City planned on reusing the existing sod. Public Works Director Host reported a portion of the sod would be utilized around the City, and the topsoil will be used for the new grass field. The City will use a portion, but some will go to waste.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Res. No. 37-21 Accepting Bids Caswell North Soccer Complex Field Reconstruction City Project No. 21-03. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Open Forum

None.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the new turf would be bluegrass and the turf that will be taken up is a different grass that is hard to regenerate, and there have been some issues with the turf.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported a successful Spring Drop-off and thanked staff for the arranged paper shredding event.

City Administrator Harrenstein encouraged residents to sign-up for Bookin' on Belgrade, held on May 22, 2021.

City Administrator Harrenstein recommended that residents sign up for swim lessons and youth rec programs hosted by the City.

City Administrator Harrenstein reminded residents to keep their dogs on leashes and to clean up after their dogs.

City Administrator Harrenstein noted Nicollet County residents could utilize a coupon from Tri-County Solid Waste to recycle electronics for \$5.00 at Green Tech in Mankato.

City Administrator Harrenstein noted spring has come and the swim facility is prepping for opening.

Public Works Director Host reported over 2,200 vehicles dropped off materials during spring clean-up.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Oachs thanked the staff for working during the spring clean-up.

Council Member Oachs thanked everyone who donated to the City.

Council Member Norland thanked Community Development Director Fischer and City Planner Lassonde for their work on the Webster Avenue Plan. She noted multiple opportunities for residents to comment were provided, and additional options are still to come.

Mayor Dehen thanked staff for working to put together Pedal Past Poverty.

Mayor Dehen read a thank you note from the Camp family to recognize Kate Camp and her Mayor for a Day Essay.

At 7:21 p.m., on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Oachs, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk