

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 February 22, 2022. Mayor Dehen 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 Norland, Oachs, Whitlock and Steiner, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director McCann, and City Clerk Van Genderen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Council Minutes from February 7, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council Member Oach moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the Council meeting minutes of February 7, 2022. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Approved Audio Permit for Bells on Belgrade on the 200 Block of Belgrade Avenue on December 3, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- C. Approved Parade Permit for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota on May 7, 2022, from 1:10 pm to 1:30 pm.
- D. Approved Audio Permit for Party on the Prairie at Benson Park on October 1, 2022, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- E. Approved Audio Permit for Bier on Belgrade on the 200 Block of Belgrade Avenue on September 24, 2022, from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
- F. Approved Audio Permit for Art Splash at 1920 Lee Boulevard on June 18, 2022, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- G. Approved Audio Permit for Blues on Belgrade on July 30, 2022, from noon to 11:00 pm.
- H. Approved Parade Permit for Bookin' on Belgrade on May 21, 2022, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.
- I. Approved Audio Permit for Movies in the Park at Benson Park on August 5, 2022, from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- J. Approved Audio Permit for Movies in the Park at Spring Lake Park on June 17, 2022, from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- K. Approved Parade and Audio Permit for Running for Rescues 5K on August 28, 2022.
- L. Res. No. 21-22 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church.
- M. Approved League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Liability Coverage Waiver Form.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda.

None.

Business Items**Res. No. 22-22 Consider Local Government Resolution for the North Mankato Caswell Park Improvements Bonding Appropriations.**

Finance Director McCann reported the State is requiring a resolution providing confirmation of the local matching funds. He reported \$839,248 would be from the General Fund and the Caswell Indoor Rec Facility, \$550,000 would be General Obligation Bond Proceeds from the 2021A Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, and \$40,919 would be Premiums on the 2021A Sales Tax Revenue Bonds. The match totals \$1,430,167.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Res. No. 22-22 Local Government Resolution for the North Mankato Caswell Park Improvements Bonding Appropriations. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 23-22 Requesting the Advance of Municipal State Aid Funds for Municipal Construction Projects and Bond Principal Payment.

City Engineer Sarff reported that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) allows cities to advance municipal state aid funds as required to construct state-aid projects when the City's Municipal State Aid Construction account does not have adequate funds to cover the eligible funds project costs. The City of North Mankato is requesting an advance of Municipal State Aid Funds in the amount of \$400,000 to construct the Lor Ray Drive Improvement Project. An advance is also being requested in the amount of \$240,000 to pay the bond principal for the existing State Aid bond taken out in 2015 for the TH 14/CSAH 41 interchange project.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Res. No. 23-22 Requesting the Advance of Municipal State Aid Funds for Municipal Construction Projects and Bond Principal Payment. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for March 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm to Consider Amending City Code Chapter 11: Precinct Boundaries.

City Clerk Van Genderen reported the Congressional and Legislative districts that the State approved did not divide the City of North Mankato. So if the Council desires, they could move forward with a Public Hearing on March 7, 2022, to consider the preferred staff option that was presented at the January 3, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council Member Oachs moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to Set a Public Hearing for March 7, 2022, at 7 pm to Consider Amending City Code Chapter 11: Precinct Boundaries. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the City is hiring for multiple summer seasonal employment opportunities, including Caswell Sports Officials, Caswell Parks Maintenance & Concessions Staff, Caswell Sports Youth Recreation Coaches & Staff, Public Works Staff, and Swim Facility attendants, concession workers, and lifeguards. People interested in applying can visit the North Mankato City website.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the Spring 2022 issue of the North Kato Magazine is available.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Steiner reported he wanted the City Attorney at meetings. Mayor Dehen commented that the City used specialized attorneys for different topics. Council Member Steiner stated he thought the Council should decide which attorney appeared.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adjourn to Closed Session for Performance Review. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to return to Open Session. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to Launch an Executive Search Process Co-Chaired by Council Member Oachs and Mayor Dehen. Vote on the Motion Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to have the Co-Chairs Recommend an Interim City Administrator with Duties as Determined Until a New City Administrator is Hired. Vote on the Motion Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

At 9:11 pm, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Oachs, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk