

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 April 18, 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, Steiner, and Interim City Administrator Fischer, Public Works Director Host, Finance Director McCann, and City Clerk Van Genderen.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the agenda with Consent Agenda Item #9C moved. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Minutes from April 4, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the Council meeting minutes of April 4, 2022. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Work Session Minutes from April 11, 2022, Meeting.

Council Member Oachs moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the Council Work Session Minutes from April 11, 2022. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Men's Hockey Team won 5-1 over Minnesota to get to the NCAA Frozen Four Championship game for the first-time in program history; and,

WHEREAS, the Mavericks Head Coach Mike Hastings was the recipient of the Spencer Penrose Award that is presented to the top coach in Division 1 Men's Hockey; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State senior goalie Dryden McKay won the Hobey Baker Award that as the top player in NCAA Division 1 men's hockey; and

WHEREAS, Maverick Hockey has been the primary tenant of the Civic Center since the 1995-96 season and is home to the best college hockey fanbase in America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Najwa Massad, Mayor of the City of Mankato, and Mark Dehen, Mayor of the City of North Mankato, in the State of Minnesota, hereby proclaim Monday, April 11, 2022 as

“MAVERICK HOCKEY DAY”

in the cities of Mankato and North Mankato, to honor recognize and congratulate the Minnesota State Men's Hockey Team and invite all residents to show their support of Minnesota State Hockey by wearing purple and gold.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names and caused the seals of the cities of Mankato and North Mankato to be affixed this 11th day of April 2022.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 39-22 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- ~~C. Consider Approving Seasonal Extension of Patio for the Circle Inn from May-October 2022.—Moved~~
- D. Res. No. 40-22 Waiving Waiting period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Feeding Our Community Partners.
- E. Res. No. 41-22 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Knights of Columbus.
- F. Res. No. 42-22 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement.

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

Approved Seasonal Extension of Patio for Circle Inn from May-October 2022.

Council Member Whitlock reported staff is working on a study to show the percent of businesses properties used for outdoor seating. He requested the approval of the Circle Inn’s Seasonal Patio to wait until after the study is presented. A discussion was held concerning the proposal with Mayor Dehen commenting that Big Dog’s seasonal patio was approved at the previous meeting.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to Approve the Seasonal Extension of Patio for the Circle Inn from May-October 2022. Vote on the Norland, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Oachs abstain. Motion carried.

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda.

None.

Business Items

Approved Comprehensive Plan Amendment-Future Land Use Map.

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported at the March Planning Commission the applicant requested to amend the Future Land Use Map for property she owns just outside of the City limits. Specifically, changing the guided land use from Low-Density Residential to Medium Density Residential. The Planning Commission did not recommend approval of the proposed change and the City Council sent the proposal back to the Planning Commission for further review. The applicant withdrew the original proposal and has changed the request from Low-Density Residential to Low-Density Small Lot Residential. Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the revised layout of the property includes 67 single-family lots and 41 single-family patio lots. The Low-Density Small Lot Residential designation would allow for the property to be zoned as R-1S, One-Family Dwelling, Small Lot in the future. Council Member Oachs noted the City needs to continue to look at providing affordable housing. Council Member Whitlock noted the area was originally designated as low density and this would satisfy the original plans for the area. Mayor Dehen noted the plan was recommended by the Planning Commission and the change has addressed the density issue. He reported the setbacks between the neighborhoods would provide for adequate distance from the Reserve community.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to Approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment-Future Land Use Map. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 43-22 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for Project No. 22-02 ABCDEF Somerset Lane Street and Utility Improvement Project.

City Engineer Sarff noted there are several major infrastructure plans for 2022 including McKinley Avenue and Lor Ray Drive. The two resolutions before Council tonight are for projects planned for 2023. The actions planned for tonight would initiate the process and allow the preliminary engineering reports.

City Engineer Sarff reported the City would be seeking outside funding for the Somerset Lane project. There have been supply chain issues that have increased prices and availability of products, so the City is planning on starting early to secure items. Somerset Lane is the gravel road along the Reserve that will also run beside the proposed new development discussed in the previous item. City Engineer Sarff recommended amending the resolution by increasing the distance east of Lexington Lane from 180 feet to 350 feet to include the proposed new development. The project will include sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, street, sidewalk/trail, and street lighting improvements.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs to Adopt Res. No. 43-22 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for Project No. 22-02 ABCDEF Somerset Lane Street and Utility Improvement Project with the Distance East of Lexington Lane Increased from 180 Feet to 350 Feet. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 44-22 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for Project No. 22-03 CDEF Lor Ray Drive/Howard Drive Intersection Improvement Project.

City Engineer Sarff reported the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Lor Ray and Howard was recommended following an ICE study conducted by MAPO. Federal Funds have been secured for the project.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to adopt Res. No. 44-22 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for Project No. 22-03 CDEF Lor Ray Drive/Howard Drive Intersection Improvement Project. Vote on the Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported Spring Clean-up has begun and will continue into next week. The Fire Department is holding an open house for people interested in applying and serving in the department. The Community Development Department is seeking input on electric and autonomous vehicles. The Parks Department is seeking volunteers to help plant flower beds. Caswell Park will host the first tournament this weekend.

Finance Director McCann reported the auditors will be present in the office this week and results will be provided in mid-June.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Whitlock stated it was good to see the junk pick-up back.

Council Member Oachs reported Connecting Commerce open house is now scheduled for May 10, 2022. She invited everyone out for Bookin on Belgrade on May 21, 2022.

Mayor Dehen commented that it is important to have new firefighters and invited interested people to apply.

At 7:30 pm, on a motion by Council Member Whitlock, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk