

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

### **Award Tanya Junker the 2020 Excellence in Support Award from the Minnesota Association of Women Police.**

Police Chief Gullickson reported it was his pleasure to present Senior Police Secretary Junker the 2020 Excellence in Support Award from the Minnesota Association of Women Police. He said he and Lieutenant Adams nominated her for the competitive award. The award is given to an outstanding female administrative assistant. Police Chief Gullickson reported Ms. Junker is exceptional and deserves recognition for her work. Ms. Junker stated she was honored to be nominated and selected and was blessed to work for the North Mankato Police Department.

### **Approval of Council Minutes from May 2, 2022, Council Meeting.**

Council Member Oachs requested the minutes reflect that she abstained from the Consent Agenda Vote on May 2, 2022. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 2, 2022. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Approval of Council Work Session Minutes from May 9, 2022, Meeting.**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Council Work Session Minutes from May 9, 2022. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye; Oachs abstain; 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. Res. No. 53-22 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Audio Permit True Value Picnic at Spring Lake Park Shelter #1 on August 6, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- D. Approved Audio Permit for Spinners Bar on May 21, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- E. Approved Audio Permit for Circle Inn Bar on May 18, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- F. Approved Audio Permit for Circle Inn Bar on May 19, 2022, from 4:30 pm. to 6:30 p.m.
- G. Approved Audio Permit for Circle Inn Bar on May 20, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- H. Approved Audio Permit for Circle Inn Bar on May 21, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- I. Approved Audio Permit for Circle Inn Bar on May 26, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- J. Approved Audio Permit for Circle Inn Bar on May 27, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

**Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda.**

None.

**Business Items**

**Approved First Amendment to Settlement Agreement.**

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the Port Authority extended the Commercial Lease to HyLife by 6 months to allow the company to complete permanent housing for its workers in Windom. The Port Authority also approved the Amendment to the Settlement Agreement, which allows the continued use of the Norwood Inn during the lease extension.

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to Approve First Amendment to the Settlement Agreement. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res No. 54-22 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement of Bids for Project No. 22-01 Water Treatment Plan No. 2 Filter Rehabilitation Project.**

Public Works Director Host reported the Council previously approved the filter rehabilitation project, and the attached resolution authorizes the bids for the project. Two filters will be rehabilitated, with the first filter rehabilitation beginning in November and completed at the end of the year, and the second filter rehabilitation will start in January 2023. The bids would be opened and tabulated on July 7, 2022, with the results coming before Council. Council Member Oachs requested clarification on if there would be water supply issues for residents. Public Works Director Host reported the rehabilitation was planned for winter when water consumption was reduced making it easier for one filter to provide enough water for residents.

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to Adopt Res. No. 54-22 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement of Bids for Project No. 22-01 Water Treatment Plan No. 2 Filter Rehabilitation Project. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res. No. 55-22 Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Abatements.**

Finance Director McCann reported in preparation for possible State Bonding for the Caswell Indoor Recreation Facility; the City is preparing to proceed with abatement bonds which will bridge the gap between State Bonding and the Sales Tax Bonding the City has already completed. The bonding request would be for between 5 million and 7 million dollars. The Resolution sets the Public Hearing, but if the State does not approve the funding, the City has until 2-weeks prior to the sale date to determine not to proceed.

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to Adopt Res. No. 55-22 Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Abatements. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res. No. 56-22 Resolution Approving Plans and Authorizing Bidding for the Caswell Indoor Recreation Facility.**

Public Works Director Host reported in preparation for State bonding approval; that the City would like to go out for bid for the Caswell Indoor Recreation Facility. The Resolution clearly states that if the City is not awarded the State bonding, the project will not proceed. The resolution includes spreadsheets that outline costs, sources, and uses. Public Works Director Host noted it only sends it out for bid; the Council will review the bids at a future Council Meeting.

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, 56-22 Resolution Approving Plans and Authorizing Bidding for the Caswell Indoor Recreation Facility. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res. No. 57-22 Approving Mn/DOT Agreement No. 1049958 Grant Agreement for State Transportation Fund (Local Road Improvement Program) and Grant Terms and Conditions 2022 Lor Ray Drive Street and Utility Improvement Project SAP 150-117-008.**

City Engineer Sarff reported the Resolution authorizes the Mayor and the Interim City Administrator to enter into an agreement with MnDOT for the Local Road Improvement grant. The Grant awards the City \$575,000 for the Lor Ray Drive Improvement project. The agreement is a standard agreement.

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to Adopt No. 57-22 Approving Mn/DOT Agreement No. 1049958 Grant Agreement for State Transportation Fund (Local Road Improvement Program) and Grant Terms and Conditions 2022 Lor Ray Drive Street and Utility Improvement Project SAP 150-117-008. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Ordinance No. 149, Fourth Series an Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota, Zoning the Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 109 North, Range 27 West as R-1S, One Family Dwelling, Small Lot.**

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the applicants are requesting the zoning of the described property as R-1S, One Family Dwelling, Small Lot upon successful annexation of the property. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommended approval.

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to Adopt Ordinance No. 149, Fourth Series an Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota, Zoning the Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 109 North, Range 27 West as R-1S, One Family Dwelling, Small Lot. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Preliminary Plat Belgrade Addition.**

Community Development Director Fischer reported the applicants are in the process of annexing 39 acres of vacant farmland into the City for future single-family residential development. The preliminary plat named Belgrade Addition consists of 104 lots for single-family residential development and Outlots A, B, and C reserved for stormwater ponds. Internal roadway access consists of a network of new streets with outlets to serve future residential development to the north and to the west. The proposed development would be developed in phases, with the first phase of the development consisting of 27 single-family lots.

**Council Member Whitlock moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to Approve the Preliminary Plat Belgrade Addition. Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**City Administrator and Staff Comments**

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the Mayor’s Ride is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> starting at North Mankato City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Interim City Administrator Fischer invited everyone out to Bookin’ on Belgrade on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9 am.

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the Congressional District 1 Special Primary Election would be held Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, with polls open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Interim City Administrator Fischer noted the Swim Facility opens Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, from noon-6:00 p.m. Check out their website for a full schedule.

Interim City Administrator Fischer invited everyone out to the Farmers’ Market, which begins June 6<sup>th</sup> at South Central College from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Public Works Director Host stated the art sculptures would be installed on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The people’s choice award from 2021 will be installed in the empty lot next to the Frandsen Bank.

**Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Steiner acknowledged and extended his sympathy to Dave Carlson’s family. Dave was a former Council Member and Mayor for the City of North Mankato.

Council Member Oachs noted that Connecting Commerce would host Concerts on Commerce and watch for more information.

Mayor Dehen invited everyone to the Mayor’s Bike Ride. The event is a part of the National Bike Week events.

At 7:38 pm, on a motion by Council Member Whitlock, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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City Clerk