

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 5, 2022. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, asking everyone to join the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for roll call: Council Members Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, City Administrator McCann, Community Development Director Fischer, 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 motion Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Minutes from June 20, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the Council meeting minutes of June 20, 2022. Vote on the motion Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, 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. Res. No. 63-22 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, Sunday On-Sale, Cabaret, Soft Drink, and Mechanical Amusement Device Licenses from July-December 2022, for SYCO, LLC DBA: Roadhouse 169, 1006 N. Rover Drive.
- D. Approved Audio Permit for Meghan and Kevin Velasquez at 1516 Lor Ray Drive from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 23, 2022.
- E. Approved Audio Permit for Post 518 at 256 Belgrade Avenue from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2022.
- F. Res. No. 64-22 Appointing Election Judges for Primary Election.
- G. Authorized the City Administrator to Execute the Labor Agreement with Local #465.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda.

None.

Business Items

Res. No. 64-22 Authorizing Entering Into Master Partnership Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

City Administrator McCann reported the Master Partnership with MnDOT specifies services available to the City. He stated the Public Works Director Host indicated the agreement was not used during the previous five years, but it is good to have it in place. Mayor Dehen commented that it might be utilized for the Belgrade reconstruction.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Res. No. 64-22 Authorizing Entering Master Partnership Agreement with the Minnesota Department

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

Res. No. 65-22 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate.

Community Development Director Fischer reported Torgerson family approached the City to consider the purchase of their property at 702 Range Street. Community Development Director Fischer commented that the property is in disrepair, and the owners were willing to sell it to the City for \$25,000. He noted the plan would be to remove the structure either by a contractor or a controlled burn by the Fire Department. Following the structure's removal, Habitat for Humanity has verbally agreed to purchase the property.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to adopt Res. No. 65-22 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate. Vote on the motion Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Open Forum

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and thanked City Administrator McCann for moving the Open Forum to before adjournment of the City Council. He thanked the City for raising the chain link fence by Spring Lake Park so turtles could move under it. He requested a workshop on historic preservation.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator McCann invited everyone out to Fun Days starting July 6 and running through July 10, 2022.

The city Administrator invited everyone to the swim facility for Aqua Zumba on Wednesdays at 7:45 pm and Saturdays at 10:00 am.

Taylor Library’s Music in the Park will begin Thursday, July 14th.

Caswell Sports will host USA Softball State Tournament Saturday, July 9th and Sunday, July 10th.

Connecting Commerce will host its second Concert on Commerce event on Friday, July 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

North Mankato Farmer’s Market will be held Mondays through October 17th from 3-6 p.m. at South Central College.

City Administrator McCann reported that McKinley Avenue had been paved. The Lor Ray Drive project has begun with the deep sewer portion. The SplashPad is continuing to wait for the MN Department of Health Permit before completion of the project, and the 2022 Mill and Overlay work is completed.

City Clerk Van Genderen thanked all the election judges for volunteering to work. She also reported that Nicollet County received a grant to purchase new ballot marking devices, and the City’s Automark devices are being replaced with Omniballot markers.

City Administrator McCann reported in response to a Council question at the last Council meeting that he was providing a breakdown of the ARPA Fund expenditures. He noted the City received \$1,524,268.64, and the funds will be used for the qualifying expenditures:

Expenditure	Amount
Lor Ray Drive Utilities	\$1,016,000.00
McKinley Avenue Utilities	\$184,000.00
Squad Car	\$59,450.80 (Actual)
Splash Pad	\$150,000.00

Employee backpay and essential worker pay	\$100,000.00
Remaining	\$14,817.84

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Oachs welcomed Will Dallenbach and SYCO, LLC to the business community. She invited everyone to Blues on Belgrade, which will be held on July 30, 2022.

Council Member Whitlock thanked all the donators.

Mayor Dehen invited everyone to the LEEP Legends fundraiser on July 14, 2022.

At 7:15 pm, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk