

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 June 4, 2012. 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 for the meeting, Mayor Dehen, Council Members Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner and Norland, Interim City Administrator Fischer, Finance Director Thorne, City Clerk Gehrke, Attorney Kennedy and Engineer Malm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of May 21, 2012. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence – none.

**Open the Meeting to the Public for the First Time
Barbara Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue**

Barbara Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue, appeared before the Council to detail her concern that any outside vendor she would hire to remove her brush would not be allowed to drop brush off at the compost site. Interim Administrator Fischer will review this matter with staff and report back to the Council. Ms. Church stated she did not see a Joint Port Authority/Council meeting posted on the City calendar. Mayor Dehen reported a Port Authority meeting would be held in the near future. Ms. Church also spoke of the City Administrator job description and asked that it be reviewed as it relates to the Port Authority duties.

Nicollet County Board Actions

Mayor Dehen reported the sale of the tax-forfeited land was rescheduled for 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 due to publication errors.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:

1. Resolution No. 35-12 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges – 1022 Shady Oak Drive.
2. Audio and Large Group Permit for LabelWorks (Navitor) Company Picnic, Wheeler Park, Sunday, June 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3. Resolution No. 36-12 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Knights of Columbus to Conduct Raffles on November 23, 2012 at 546 Grant Avenue.
4. Resolution No. 37-12 Approving Donations and Contributions.

Vote on the motion: Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner and Norland, aye; Dehen abstained, no nays. Motion carried.

Interim City Administrator**Res. No. 38-12 Adopting Realignment of the Fixed Bus Routes**

Interim Administrator Fischer reported staff has participated in a Greater Mankato Transit Redesign Study led by the consulting firm of Nelson/Nygaard, Inc. As part of the study, public input was solicited through public meetings with community groups, a community survey and presentation and feedback sessions regarding potential changes to the existing bus routes. Based on an evaluation of the existing transit services, feedback from the community and input from the Greater Mankato Transit Redesign Study technical committee, Nelson/Nygaard recommends the realignment of the current mass transit bus route to provide more direct service between major destination points. The recommended changes can be implemented at no increased cost and will provide faster and more direct service to popular destinations. He reported the original study did not recommend any transit service north of Highway 14 in North Mankato. Due to the presence of the North Port Industrial Park, Avalon Park and Camelot Park, staff requested that transit service be added in this area. The City of Mankato approved the realignment of bus routes in Mankato at their Council meeting of May 29, 2012. Should the City of North Mankato approve realignment of the bus routes, the change would become effective August 20, 2012. Council Member Schindle stated his concern is the Northway/James/Commerce area. Interim Administrator Fischer reported the goal is to provide faster service; however, some riders may have a longer walk to the bus stop. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 38-12 Adopting Realignment of the Fixed Bus Routes. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

School and Conference

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve actual and necessary expenses for the following school and conference:

1. Donation Management, Camp Ripley, August 16, for Emergency Management Director.

Vote on the motion: Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Minnesota State High School Girls' Fastpitch Softball Tournament

Interim Administrator Fischer gave a reminder of the Minnesota State High School Girls' Fastpitch Softball Tournament to be held at Caswell Park on Thursday and Friday, June 7-8 with the banquet held Wednesday evening, June 6.

City Engineer

Engineer Malm reported the Highway 14 detour will begin after the July 4th holiday. He also reported the 14/41 Project is on schedule.

Report from Council Members**Council Member Norland**

Council Member Norland presented a draft Model Statement of Values created by the League of Minnesota Cities Ethics Advisory Panel. She reported the Mayor and she have had discussions over the past several months about ethics and she has reviewed several different versions of an ethics code. Attorney Kennedy stated that part 2.C. in the Model Statement of Values is the same as the oath taken by Council Members when they are sworn in. Discussion was held regarding whether this would be a policy or a pledge and how it would be enforced. Council Member Freyberg stated that he couldn't

sign the Model Statement of Values as written. Attorney Kennedy has started reviewing what other cities have adopted and will continue his investigation and report back to the Council. **Mayor Dehen moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to add the Model Statement of Values to a future Council Workshop. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Report from the Mayor

Update of Intergovernmental Meeting of May 22, 2012

Mayor Dehen gave an update of the Intergovernmental Committee meeting held May 22, 2012. He reported Red, White and Boom – July 4th fireworks will be held at Riverfront Park with access to viewing from Veterans Memorial Bridge. North Mankato Fun Days will be held July 5-8, Blues on Belgrade will be held on July 21 and Ribfest will be held in Mankato August 2-5 at Riverfront Park.

The Mayor reviewed an outline of shared services that were discussed including Mutual Aid Agreements for the ladder trucks available to North Mankato, vehicle extraction, confined space resource and hazardous materials response and Mobile Air Supply. Future collaboration include fire prevention education, exploration of fire suppression and water delivery to annexed areas, possible public safety/fire regional training and sharing of vehicles. The Mayor reported the two Cities are continuing to look at ways to work together.

Other business discussed was the completion of Veterans' Memorial Park scheduled for June 30th with an anticipated public opening ceremony being held on July 4th at 2:30, efforts to coordinate a GPS complementary map system for the trails to be available to the public by July 4th and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program which is a military family outreach program.

Model Air Show

Mayor Dehen reported the Model Air Show will be held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at Forsberg Field with the Blue Angels appearing from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. They will fly the Blue Angels radio control planes and give out autographs. Other Model Air Show events will continue throughout the day at Forsberg Field.

Citizen Involvement for Expanded Personnel Committee

Mayor Dehen reported he has received approximately 12 applications from residents interested in serving on the Expanded Personnel Committee. Any residents interested in serving should send him their resume by June 15, 2012.

“Coffee with the Council”

The Mayor reported the June “Coffee with the Council” will be held at Mankato Brewery, 1119 Center Street, on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. A tour of the brewery will be conducted immediately following “Coffee with the Council.”

Open the Meeting to the Public for the Second Time

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council stating the evergreens recently planted on LorRay Drive look nice. He asked a question regarding the claim for VEBA. Finance Director Thorne reported that VEBA is in conjunction with the employees' health insurance. In response to his question about the project at the Dollar Store, Interim Mayor Dehen reported the developer is completing another project and will soon be starting on the 422 Belgrade Avenue Project with the apartments scheduled to be completed by September 2012.

Bills and Appropriations

Council Member Freyberg asked about the \$1,000 claim for Camelot Park and the claim for Albrecht's Lawn Service. Interim Administrator Fischer reported a program is in place where the City will purchase dilapidated mobile homes for \$1,000 and demolish them. The claim for Albrecht's Lawn Service is for mowing of private properties and this money is recouped by assessing the property owners. Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve all bills and appropriations in the amounts of \$20,397.96 and \$880,171.31. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk