

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 15, 2013. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for the meeting, Mayor Dehen, Council Members Norland, Freyberg, Spears and Steiner, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director Thorne, City Planner Fischer, City Clerk Gehrke, Attorney Kennedy and Engineer Sarff.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Spears moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of July 1, 2013. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Application for On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor, Sunday On-Sale Liquor and Soft Drink Licenses for Las Fronteras, 503 Belgrade Avenue.

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

Public Comments

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and referenced the property at the corner of Lee Boulevard and LorRay Drive that is being auctioned off. He stated he hopes all the large oak trees on this property will be saved.

Business Items

Preliminary and Final Plat of North Ridge Estates Phase XVI

Planner Fischer presented a request from Greyknight Properties to replat Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, North Ridge Estates Phase XIV. He reported Adam Hurias, representing Greyknight Properties, was in attendance to answer any questions. Planner Fischer reported that North Ridge Estates Phase XIV was platted in 2012 to accommodate the development of six (6) single-family dwellings. The undeveloped subdivision was recently purchased by the applicant with the intent to construct 2-unit dwellings on each of the six lots and is proposing to replat Lots 1 and 2 of North Ridge Estates Phase XIV by relocating the mutual property line. He noted the proposal has two of the buildings accessing onto Pleasant View Drive. The Planning Commission had discussions of the existing and future traffic onto Pleasant View Drive, location of Pleasant View Park and the number of existing driveways onto Pleasant View Drive. In response to the questions, Planner Fischer reported the area is zoned R-3 and 2-unit dwellings are permitted in this zoning district. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the preliminary and final plat of North Ridge Estates Phase XVI. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the preliminary and final plat**

of North Ridge Estates Phase XVI. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 47-13 Establishing and Revoking Municipal State Aid Streets

Engineer Sarff reported the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) recently changed the way that they calculate the annual Municipal State Aid (MSA) Street funding allocation for all cities in the MSA system. The new calculation method puts a greater emphasis on traffic volume. He stated that in order to maximize the City's MSA Street funding allocation, it is recommended that changes be made to the City's MSA street designation as follows: Requested designations: 1) Monroe Avenue from Center Street to Range Street; 2) Pleasant View Drive from CSAH 41 to Northridge Drive; and 3) Northridge Drive from Pleasant View Drive to Lookout Drive. Requested revocations: 1) LorRay Drive from Timm Road to 512th Street; 2) 512th Street from CSAH 13 to LorRay Drive; and 3) Tower Boulevard from Marie Lane to Lee Boulevard. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 47-13 Establishing and Revoking Municipal State Aid Streets. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Administrator Harrenstein stated the City of North Mankato team was victorious at the Fun Days' Celebrity Horseshoe Tournament and Fun Days was a terrific event. Mayor Dehen thanked the City staff and Civic & Commerce Association for their work putting on this great event.

Council Workshop

Administrator Harrenstein recommended the Council Workshop scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2013 be canceled and these agenda items be discussed as part of the budget process. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to cancel the Council Workshop scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2013. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Report from Council Members

Council Member Norland

Council Member Norland reported she attended the Region 9 Development Commission meeting last week and reported this is the only area to receive \$9 million for the Highway 169 Project. She also noted it was reported at the meeting that the sequestration cuts will continue for ten years.

Report from the Mayor

"Circle of Friends" Fund Drive Update

Mayor Dehen reported the North Mankato Civic & Commerce Association announced it has reached its goal of collecting \$31,062 in pledges to complete the purchase of the "Circle of Friends" sculpture to be placed outside the North Mankato Taylor Library. He also reported donations are still being collected to purchase the base for the sculpture. Anyone interested in donating may contact Lynette Peterson at lynettep@northmankato.com.

Economic Development Workshops

The Mayor reported Economic Development Workshops will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17th and Thursday, July 18th.

Public Comments

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for the second time with no one appearing.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Norland, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk