

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 3, 2013. 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 Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Norland, City Administrator Harrenstein, City Clerk Gehrke, Attorney Kennedy, Engineer Malm and Planner Fischer. Absent: Finance Director Thorne.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of May 20, 2013. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7 p.m. – Amending Code of Ordinances

Mayor Dehen opened the public hearing to consider amending City Code Chapter 30 to align the preparation of the City Council agenda with current practices and proposed changes to the public comment portion of the regular meetings. Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive and Barb Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue, appeared before the Council in support of two public comment periods. With no one else appearing before the Council, the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing, 7 p.m. – Vacation of Easements, Northport No. 14

The Mayor opened the public hearing to consider the vacation of utility easements in Northport No. 14. Planner Fischer reported Northport No. 14 was platted in 2009 to accommodate an industrial user on a five-acre parcel, plus Outlots A and B for future use. He stated Cemstone now wishes to purchase a six-acre parcel. For that reason, as part of the replatting of Northport No. 14 into Northport No. 17, it is necessary to vacate certain utility easements within Northport No. 14. Planner Fischer reported all utility companies were notified of the vacation request and no objections were received. New utility easements will be rededicated on the Northport No. 17 plat. With no one appearing before the Council, the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg, to approve the audio permit for Nakato's 1st Anniversary, 253 Belgrade Avenue, Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 8-11 p.m. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen, aye; Steiner abstained, no nays. Motion carried.

Open the Meeting to the Public for the First Time

Barb Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue

Barb Church, 102 E. Wheeler, appeared before the Council and reported she was notified by the Civic Center in Mankato they would be monitoring the noise from events at Riverfront Park.

Mayor Dehen stated monitoring would take place at the corner of Lake Street and Webster Avenue for the next 4-5 shows held at Riverfront Park.

Business Items:**Ord. No. 50, 4th Series, Amending Code of Ordinances**

Administrator Harrenstein presented Ord. No. 50, 4th Series amending the City Code Chapter 30.04. He reported the intent of the proposed change is to align the preparation of the City Council agenda with current practices. He noted that Section 1-A of the Ordinance clearly states that the order of business at the regular meeting shall be determined by the Council which means that if future changes are desired by the City Council regarding the agenda format, a simple majority vote will be needed to make the desired change. The Administrator stated that some matters that would be inappropriate for consideration at a meeting would include items the Council have no authority, governance or interest. It was agreed by the Council that Section 1 (A)(1) which reads: "With the unanimous consent of the Members of the Council" should be changed to read: "With the majority consent of the Members of the Council." **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Ord. No. 50, 4th Series, Amending Code of Ordinances with the change in item Section 1(A)(1) from "unanimous" to "majority." Vote on the Ordinance: Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; Freyberg and Spears, nay. Motion carried.**

Addition of Second Comments Period

The Mayor requested a second public comments period be added back to the agenda stating he originally believed the public comments period should occur at the beginning of the meeting with a longer speaking time. However, he now believes a second public comments period would give citizens immediate input into items that were considered at the meeting. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Spears, to add a second public comments period immediately after Mayor and Council Comments and before Adjourn. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 37-13 Vacating Utility Easements in Northport No. 14

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg, to adopt Resolution No. 37-13 Vacating Utility Easements in Northport No. 14. Vote on the Resolution: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Presentation – Gold Cross

Kristofer Keltgen, Ground Operations Supervisor for Gold Cross, gave a PowerPoint community update of the emergency medical service functions of Gold Cross in both public safety and healthcare.

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Mayor Dehen

Mayor Dehen reported he attended the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) regional meeting where the 20-year plan was discussed. The plan was broken into two 10-year segments. He reported that Highway 14 from North Mankato to Nicollet is scheduled for four-lane construction in 2017 and Highway 60 is scheduled for completion of four-lane construction from Butterfield to St. James in 2013. He reported the second 10-year segment will have very little money other than for infrastructure maintenance. No dollars were allocated for Highway 14 from Owatonna to Rochester in the 20-year plan.

The Mayor reported the Minnesota State High School League Girls Fastpitch tournament will be June 6-7, 2013 at Caswell Park. The banquet for the teams will be held at the Verizon Center on Wednesday evening, June 5, 2013.

The Mayor reported Coffee with the Council has been changed from June 8, 2013 to 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at Koppen Gardens, 615 Nicollet Avenue. (Due to a scheduling conflict, this has now been changed to August 10, 2013.)

The Mayor reported \$5,050 is the remaining amount necessary to reach the goal to purchase the sculpture "Circle of Friends." The Mayor thanked everyone who has made a pledge for the sculpture.

The Mayor reported the Children's Triathlon will be held on June 29, 2013 and the Adult Triathlon will be held on June 30, 2013. Fun Days will be held from July 10-14, 2013 and Blues on Belgrade will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk