

COUNCIL MINUTES November 4, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on November 4, 2013. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for the meeting, Mayor Dehen, Council Members Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Spears, Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director Thorne, Attorney Kennedy and City Clerk Gehrke. Absent: Planner Fischer.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg 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 October 21, 2013, as amended. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, Spears 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:

1. Bills and Appropriations.
2. Res. No. 70-13 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
3. Res. No. 71-13 Approving Consent Assessment for 548 McKinley Avenue.
4. Charitable Gambling Fund Distribution.

Finance Director Thorne responded to questions regarding Bills and Appropriations relating to Caswell North Soccer Field lighting. Mayor Dehen requested Pedal Past Poverty be added to the Charitable Gambling Fund Distribution list at the same level as 2012.

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

Public Comments

Barb Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue

Barb Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue, appeared before the Council and asked how the payments for Project No. 10-01ABCDEF were going to be made considering the deferred assessments. Finance Director Thorne reported this project was bonded for and payments would be made from the bond proceeds. When the deferred assessments are collected, they will be paid into the bond fund. Ms. Church also referenced an article she read in the *Free Press* regarding recycling and asked if the City has went to single-stream recycling. Administrator Harrenstein reported that the provider has taken all recyclables whether sorted or commingled. He also noted that studies have shown that more items are recycled when single-stream recycling is in place. For those reasons, he stated that residents are allowed to commingle their recyclables and they will be picked up at the curb.

Business Items

Re-set Public Hearing for Dangerous Dog Citation for November 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Attorney Kennedy reported that late this afternoon an agreement was reached with counsel and the dog owner regarding the dangerous dog citation and that it is not necessary to hold a hearing. He

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stated that a letter will be forthcoming to the Council outlining the terms of the agreement.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Clerk

City Clerk Gehrke congratulated Deputy Clerk Lynette Peterson on her new position at Nicollet County. Lynette's leaving is a great loss for the City of North Mankato and she will be missed by her co-workers and members of the community. She thanked Lynette for the 14-1/2 years she dedicated to making the City of North Mankato a better place to live and work.

Report from Mayor

Council Member Freyberg

Council Member Freyberg reported he received the third study from All Seasons Arena (ASA). The study will be discussed at the upcoming Intergovernmental Committee meeting and then will be brought back to the governing bodies. The ASA Board will be meeting within the next couple of weeks to accept the study. Copies should be available shortly for Blue Earth County, Mankato and North Mankato. He expects the governing bodies have the wherewithal to do the financial feasibility study.

Council Member Freyberg also congratulated Lynette Peterson on her new position at Nicollet County.

Council Member Freyberg asked if the Request for Proposals (RFP) has been completed for professional realty services to market property the Port Authority has available for sale. Administrator Harrenstein reported work on this item has not begun.

Council Member Spears

Council Member Spears asked when the dip in the 400 Block of Belgrade Avenue will be repaired. Administrator Harrenstein reported that a letter has been sent to Mr. Brunton and repairs should be completed in the near future.

Council Member Norland

Council Member Norland reported Region 9 is offering GIS to the City and it would be free of charge.

Council Member Norland also thanked the donors who contributed money for the North Mankato Taylor Library.

Council Member Steiner

Council Member Steiner thanked Lynette Peterson for everything she has done for the City, Caswell Park and Civic & Commerce. He wished her good luck in her new position at Nicollet County.

Mayor

Coffee with the Council

The Mayor reported Coffee with the Council will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at Roadhouse 169, 1006 N. River Drive.

The Mayor congratulated Lynette Peterson on her new position at Nicollet County and extended his appreciation for her years of service with the City.

COUNCIL MINUTES November 4, 2013**Public Comments****Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive**

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and stated he would like to see the interest rate lowered for assessments such as the 548 McKinley Avenue assessment on tonight's agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk