

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 October 20, 2014. 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 Spears, Steiner, Norland, and Freyberg; City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director Thorne, Attorney Kennedy, City Clerk Van Genderen, Planner Fischer, and Public Works Director Swanson.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the agenda with Agenda Items 7A, 7D, and 7E removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Discussion on Consent Agenda Items 7A, Bills and Appropriations, 7D, Park Permit Application and 7E Park Permit Application. Council Member Freyberg, on Agenda Item 7A, questioned the Mankato Family YMCA expenditure for the 2014 Spring Lake Swim Facility Management, asking if the bill was only for the months of August to September. Administrator Harrenstein stated the expenditure was closer to the cost for the entire season. Council Member Freyberg also asked for clarification on the claim from Prairie Restoration, Inc for Estimate #4 Wetland Bank Vegetation Establishment. Finance Director Thorne stated it was part of the 14/41 Interchange Project and Construction Funds were used for the payment. Council Member Freyberg stated Agenda Items 7D and 7E were being removed so discussion could occur on the City permit policies for P.A. systems. He stated he had received several calls concerning the use of P.A. systems at events. He noted it was positive that permits for events were being pulled a year in advance but the use of the P.A. systems were disturbing the surrounding neighborhoods. Freyberg suggested changing the language on the permits. Mayor Dehen stated it would be appropriate to direct the staff to review the application form and policies concerning park use and P.A. systems. Council Member Norland requested the staff review hours of park use.

Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 70-14 Adopting Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 71-14 Adopting Resolution Declaring Surplus Vehicles and Equipment.
- D. Audio and Large Group Permit for Holy Rosary Church, Wheeler Park, Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- E. Audio and Large Group Permit for ShotLiff/Meisberger Wedding, Spring Lake Park, May 10, 2015 from Noon-10 p.m.
- F. Preliminary and Final Plat of Northport No. 18, a Replat of Lot 1, Block 1 and Outlot B, Northport No. 17, a Request from D&K Powder Coating, LLC/North Mankato Port Authority. (City Planner)

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

Public Comments

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler, appeared before the Council and stated that a landowner has the right to sell their property, but when that property is TUD the City determines the use of the land. She stated the City Council had the opportunity to determine how to rezone the property at 1610 LorRay Drive but no decision was made. Church suggested a calm and respectful discussion with all parties interested in the property to help determine what is appropriate for the area.

Denny Savick, 810 Belgrade, appeared before the Council and stated the Planning Commission's last meeting showed the Commissioners' lack of interest in involvement because two Commissioners were missing from the meeting. He also stated the Planning Commission behaved poorly and were rude to those in attendance. Mayor Dehen responded that the attendees of the meeting were not decorous to the Commissioners.

John Hurd, 732 Garfield, appeared before the Council and stated the Council Members should be aware that many people were interested in preserving 1610 LorRay Drive, known as the Tschohl property. He stated preserving the Tschohl property would be an opportunity to create a great asset to the community.

Mark Bosacker, 419 Nicollet Avenue, appeared before the Council and stated he hoped the City would see the Tschohl property as a unique opportunity for a park.

Rhonda Geving, 506 Ivanhoe Court, appeared before the Council and thanked the Council for continuing to listen to the communities concerns. She stated she lives in the immediate area and hopes the Council will consider the flow of the area surrounding the Tschohl property before deciding to rezone.

Business Items**Res. No. 72-14 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Roll for Project No. 13-02AC, 2014 Belgrade Hill and Ravine Improvement.**

City Engineer Dan Sarff stated he would discuss the Resolution Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Roll for Project No. 13-02AC, 2014 Belgrade Hill and Ravine Improvement simultaneously with Resolution Ordering Hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014 on Assessments for Project No. 13-02AC, 2014 Belgrade Hill and Ravine Improvements. Sarff stated the City's policy is to assess 40% of total cost to the property owners who benefitted from the construction. The City set a maximum assessment figure for this project at \$7,000 per property excluding driveway improvements. The estimated total for the project is \$1,517,611, the City's portion of the improvements is \$1,462,811 and the total assessed to residents with the driveway improvements included is \$54,800. The second resolution sets a public hearing for the assessments. Property owners effected by the assessments will be sent a letter containing assessment information and a notice that the public hearing will be Monday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. A notice of public hearing will be published in the City paper two-weeks before the Public Hearing. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Res. No. 72-14 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Roll for Project No. 13-02AC, 2014 Belgrade Hill and Ravine Improvement. Vote on the Resolution: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 73-14 Ordering Hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014 on Assessments for Project No. 13-02AC, 2014 Belgrade Hill and Ravine Improvement.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve Res. No. 73-14 Ordering Hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014 on Assessments for Project No. 13-02AC, 2014 Belgrade Hill and Ravine Improvements. Vote on the Resolution: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Discussion of Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2015-2019

City Administrator Harrenstein reported that the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan was not ready to present to the City Council. He stated the City's Strategic Plan was ready for review and would be a good foundation from which to discuss the CIP at the next Council Meeting. The Strategic Plan sets forth the vision of North Mankato and establishes five key values provided by the staff. The key values include adaptability, excellence, responsibility, integrity and leadership. The strategic plan outlined the following goals: Outstanding Recreational Assets, Well Planned and Maintained Infrastructure, Safe Community, Growing & Vibrant Business, Industrial & Residential Districts and Excellent Quality of Life. These goals were followed by City Staff established action steps to accomplish the goals.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Administrator Harrenstein stated Jo Tschohl has been repeatedly contacted by those interested in the Tschohl property located at 1610 LorRay. The calls have become distressing and she would like the calls to stop because she has no responsibility for the property.

Public Works Director Swanson stated leaf collection began on Monday, October 20th and the Street Department was coordinating with the Water Department's water main flushing. He assured the Council that leaf collection would continue until leaves were picked up or the snow flies. Swanson also stated that leaves need to be kept on the Boulevard so they do not clog storm drains. Council Member Norland congratulated Nate Nimps and Jerry Olson on their ingenious adaption of the leaf collection machine. Mayor Dehen asked for a report on the Belgrade Ravine project. Public Works Director Swanson stated the project was proceeding and he hoped to have an accurate report concerning completion dates by the next Council Meeting on November 3, 2014.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland provided a brief report on the Region Nine Area Inc. which is a non-profit created to support Region Nine's efforts of increasing social and economic opportunities for local community groups, nonprofits and governments in the nine-county region.

Council Member Spears asked Administrator Harrenstein the deadline for deciding rezoning 1610 LorRay. Administrator Harrenstein stated there was a 60-day review on the proposal.

Mayor Dehen read the following Proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the United States, nearly 30 million people-including 290,000 in Minnesota have diabetes, a serious disease with potentially life threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation; and

WHEREAS, an additional 86 million people in the United States are at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes in 2050 if current trends continue; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness is necessary to put a stop to the diabetes epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Dehen, Mayor of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November to be

American Diabetes Month

in the City of North Mankato, and encourage all citizens to recognize American Diabetes Month and be a part of the American Diabetes Association's Stop Diabetes® movement to confront, fight, and most importantly, change the future of this deadly disease.

Dated this 20th day of October 2014.

Mayor Dehen stated there would be a review of Envision 2020 on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mayor Dehen stated the North Mankato Fire Department would be hosting "Dad's Belgium Waffle Feed" on Sunday, October 26 from 8:00 a.m.-12 noon. Money raised supports the North Mankato Fire Department.

Mayor Dehen thanked participants of the Safe Routes to School initiative for their time.

Mayor Dehen thanked donors to the Library Fund.

Public Comments

Matthias Leyrer, 632 Belgrade Avenue, appeared before the Council and stated that with low density housing surrounding the downtown parking will continue to be a problem even if parking ramps are built. Leyrer stated the City website and logo need to be updated.

John Hurd, 732 Garfield Avenue, appeared before the Council and stated the City has the "clout" to lend its name and influence to raise money for the Tschohl property. He questioned whether the Mankato Soccer Club was required to contribute to the Caswell North Soccer Fields. Mayor Dehen stated yes, they contributed a large amount of money. Hurd stated if the trees are cut down there will be many unhappy people in the City.

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and stated he hoped the trees could be saved on the Tschohl property.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Spears, seconded by Council Member Norland, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk