

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 2, 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 Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Norland, City Administrator Harrenstein, Attorney Kennedy, City Clerk Gehrke, Planner Fischer and Public Works Director Swanson. Absent: Finance Director Thorne.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, 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 Spears, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of May 19, 2014. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; Freyberg and Norland, abstained; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 34-14 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Renewal of League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Property and Casualty Coverage.
- D. Approval of Budget Calendar for FY 2015.
- E. Res. No. 35-14 Approving Agreement No. 06060 between the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota and the City of North Mankato for Professional/Technical Services for Lookout Drive/T.H. 14.
- F. Audio and Large Group Permit for IBEW Picnic, Spring Lake Park, Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Public Comments

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and stated he is not in favor of the City purchasing dilapidated mobile homes. He also stated he thinks too much money was spent for painting the bookmobile.

Barb Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue

Barb Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue appeared before the Council with several questions: 1) What positions are up for election and when do the filings open; 2) Is the job recently advertised a new position; 3) Will budget-to-actual reports continue in the future; 4) What storm damage occurred by the City and was anyone hurt; and 5) Has the City joined GMG or REDA as proposed in the 2014 Budget. City Clerk Gehrke reported filings open for one Mayoral position and two Council positions on July 29, 2014 at 8 a.m. and close on August 12,

2014 at 5 p.m. Administrator Harrenstein reported he would answer the balance of the questions in an email to Ms. Church.

Business Items

Set Public Hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014 for Vacation of Utility Easements

City Planner Fischer presented a Petition for Utility Easement Vacation and reported that as part of the replatting of property in the Northport Industrial Park, it is necessary to vacate certain utility easements. As part of that process, it is necessary to set a public hearing and notify all underground utility companies. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to set a public hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014 for Vacation of Utility Easements. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Spears

Council Member Spears made a motion that the City stop buying mobile homes. This motion died for lack of a second. The Mayor suggested this be a discussion item at a Budget Workshop.

Council Member Steiner

Council Member Steiner reported he has been receiving numerous negative comments from residents regarding the trail proposed in the Old Belgrade Hill Project. Discussion was held regarding the need for an access road which will also be used as a trail. City Engineer Sarff reported that no turnarounds will be built and so it is important to continue the trail for maintenance vehicles. The Mayor stated that screening is planned for the properties on Roe Crest Drive affected by the trail.

Council Member Norland

Council Member Norland thanked all the donors to the North Mankato Taylor Library and the donors for the swim facility season passes.

Council Member Norland reported that she sits on the Region 9 Commission and as a part of that also sits on the Region 9 Agency, Inc. The Region 9 Agency, Inc. is providing support to 501(3)C groups to access foundation funds and grants.

Council Member Norland reported she would like a work session scheduled to discuss the property known as 1610 LorRay Drive. The "Friends of North Mankato" group would like to know what the City is willing to consider regarding an historic farm park at this site.

Mayor

The Mayor spoke of Professional Technical Services Agreement with MnDOT for the Lookout Drive/T.H. 14. Project. He asked if a multi-mobile path would be part of the bridge reconstruction. City Engineer Sarff reported that the Agreement approved is for MnDOT's portion of the design fees for the roundabout and is not an obligation of the City. Engineer Sarff reported that approval of the project should occur in early 2015 and a multi-mobile lane would be part of the design.

The Mayor reported Coffee with the Council will be held at Spinners Bar & Grill, 301 Belgrade Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

The Mayor reported the Greater Mankato Area United Way's CEO/Leadership luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at City Center Hotel.

The Mayor reported Move Minnesota is in Mankato on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

The Mayor reported the Greater Mankato Area was named as 1 of 8 Bronze Cities in the State of Minnesota. The Mayor reported he would be riding with a professional bicyclist on Thursday.

Public Comments

Jim Whitlock, President of Business on Belgrade

Jim Whitlock, President of Business on Belgrade, appeared before the Council to announce the activities happening on Belgrade Avenue. He reported that Bookin' on Belgrade, a nearly 5K walk will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014 beginning at the North Mankato Taylor Library. Boogie on Belgrade will begin 12 hours later with all bars having a band, including Benderz, the newest bar. He reported that the Y Barbershop is open in the old Mutch's Hardware Store and White Orchid Boutique is open in the old Skillings building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk