

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of August 18, 2014. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Spears, and Dehen, aye; Steiner, abstained, no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7 p.m. – HUD Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The Mayor opened the public hearing by requesting City Planner Fischer provide a review of the CAPER report. City Planner Fischer reviewed the 2013 Action Plan that specified how the 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds would be used. Planner Fischer stated that \$39,513 of the \$43,903 set aside for Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation has been committed for use by six (6) income-qualified homeowners. The \$9,169 allocated for the Comprehensive Plan has been used and the \$3,056 for administration has been drawn. However, due to time constraints, the 238 Nicollet Avenue project was eliminated and the \$5,000 allocated for this project still remains in the CDBG account for future use. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and the CAPER report were part of the Council packet. 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 the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 52-14 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 53-14 Authorizing Consent to Change of Control for Enventis Franchise.
- D. Res. No. 54-14 Appointing Wellhead Protection Manager.
- E. Parade Permit for Remembering Our Loved Ones. Benson Park, Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
- F. Audio Permit for Nakato/Spinners Parking Lot, Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, Spears, and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried. Mayor Dehen thanked Top Shop and Brunton Architects & Engineers, LTD for their generous donations to the Caswell Park North Soccer Complex concession building. Jim Downs, from the NaKato, spoke about the fall kick off on October 4, 2014 in the NaKato/Spinners Parking Lot. Live music will be played from 6:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Public Comments

Administrator Harrenstein provided background for Brian Mechler. He stated he was denying placement of two advertisements in the Fall Newsletter, The Belgrade Laundry Experience and the Corn Maze. The Belgrade Laundry Experience does not have a Minnesota business identification number and the Corn Maze was a fundraiser for Brian's for profit Time for Work foundation. Brian's business, The Roof Doctor, was welcome to advertise in the Fall Newsletter.

Brian Mechler, 303 Belgrade, appeared before the Council and explained his business plan for The Belgrade Laundry Experience and spoke briefly about his plans for the Mini Corn Maze. Attorney Kennedy asked how he would create a corn maze in his front yard. Brian explained the maze would consist of two stalks of corn.

Business Items**Res. No. 55-14 Approving a Proposed Tax Levy**

Administrator Harrenstein stated that the resolution would set the maximum Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,596,414 as proposed in the 2015 Budget. Council Member Norland stated that this was a 0% tax increase. **Council Member Spears moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Res. No. 55-14 Approving the Proposed Tax Levy. Vote on the Resolution: Spears, Steiner, Freyberg and Dehen, aye; Norland, nay. Motion carried.**

Ord. No. 60, Fourth Series, Amending North Mankato City Code, Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 151, Residential Rental Property Licensing Code

Administrator Harrenstein stated that the amendment defines offender transitional housing, requires offender transitional housing to remain certain distances from different zoning districts, sets certain concentrations, requires individuals to obtain a license, and requires the Minnesota Department of Corrections to notify the public and hold public hearings if offender transitional housing is established. Mayor Dehen asked if the ordinance was consistent with Mankato's ordinance. Attorney Kennedy stated that the ordinance was discussed in an Intergovernmental meeting and North Mankato Staff reviewed Mankato's ordinance and changed the language to maintain consistency between the two Cities. Council Member Spears stated the ordinance was very technical and restrictive. Attorney Kennedy acknowledged the ordinance was restrictive and it may be challenged, but the Council could amend the ordinance in the future. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to amend Ord. No. 60, Fourth Series, North Mankato City Code, Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 151, Residential Rental Property Licensing Code. Vote on the Ordinance: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Dehen asked Public Works Director Swanson about progress on the Belgrade Hill project. Public Works Director Swanson stated weather had hampered progress but crews had been able to provide temporary water service and complete other fine details.

Mayor Dehen asked Public Works Director Swanson about progress on the Caswell Park North concession building. Director Swanson stated the brick work is nearly completed and sidewalk and patio excavation for the Caswell Park North concession building was beginning.

Mayor Dehen extended an invitation to the ribbon cutting for the dedicated bike lane on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Sherman and Belgrade.

Mayor Dehen reported an Intergovernmental meeting will be held Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the North Mankato Conference Room.

Mayor Dehen reported Coffee with the Council will be held Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Benderz Bar, 503 Belgrade.

Mayor Dehen reported that LorRay Drive from Lee to Commerce Drive will be closing Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6 a.m. and will reopen Saturday morning.

Public Comments

Brian Mechler, 303 Belgrade, appeared before the Council stating that the Corn Maze would be a spoof on traditional corn mazes. Council Member Norland asked if his foundation was registered as a 501(c) 3. Brian said it was not but he wanted it to become a 501(c) 3.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Spears, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk