

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 August 3, 2015. 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 roll call: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Freyberg, Spears and Norland, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director Thorne, Attorney Kennedy, City Clerk Van Genderen, City Planner Fischer and Public Works Director Swanson. Absent: Council Member Steiner.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Spears requested Consent Agenda items #8C Consider Approving Audio Permit for Chris Good Birthday Party at 512 Sherman Street on September 12, 2015 from 6:30-10:30 p.m., #8D Consider Approving Purchase of Street Sweeper in January of 2016 and #8E Consider Approving Purchase of \$337,000.00 Sewer Jetter be removed for separate consideration. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg, to approve the amended agenda. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of July 20, 2015. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7 p.m., Proposed Tax Abatement.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing to consider the proposed Tax Abatement. Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before Council and stated he did not approve of the use of the Tax Abatement for the construction of Project No. 14-04DF Highway 14 Trail. With no one else appearing before the Council, the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg, to approve the amended Consent Agenda which included:

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 63-15 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- F. Set Fall Drop-Off Dates for October 9-11, 2015.
- G. Set Water Main Flushing for October 5-16, 2015.
- H. Approve Application for a 1 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License at 256 Belgrade Avenue at the North Mankato American Legion Parking Lot on Saturday, August 22, 2015.
- I. Res. No. 64-15 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church, 525 Grant Avenue, to Conduct Raffles on November 27, 2015.
- J. Set Public Hearing for 7 pm, August 17, 2015 for the Vacation of Utility Easements- Butterworth Subdivision.

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

Consider Approving Audio Permit for Chris Good Birthday Party at 512 Sherman Street on September 12, 2015 from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Council Member Spears indicated City Code specifies that 10:00 pm to 7:00 am is to be a quiet time in the City and to begin making exceptions was not a wise idea. Mayor Dehen indicated the Council has approved the hours in the past and there have not been any complaints. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg to Approve the Audio Permit for Chris**

Good Birthday Party at 512 Sherman Street on September 12, 2015 from 6:30-10:30 pm. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consider Approving Purchase of Street Sweeper in January of 2016.

Council Member Spears indicated because the Street Sweeper cost \$193,000.00 he wanted clarification on the need for the purchase. Public Works Director Swanson reported the City's Street Sweeper was 18-years old and was becoming unreliable. Public Works Director Swanson indicated that a new Street Sweeper was part of the approved equipment replacement schedule. Council Member Spears requested information on how the City was paying for the Street Sweeper. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the cash funds would be allocated from the Capital Facilities Fund. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to Approve the Purchase of a Street Sweeper in January of 2016. Vote on the Motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Consider Approving Purchase of \$337,000.00 Sewer Jetter.

Council Member Spears requested clarification on if the City Staff researched purchasing a used Jetter. Public Works Director Swanson responded that used Jettors would require additional upkeep and were unreliable making the option not feasible. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg to Approve the Purchase of the \$337,000.00 Sewer Jetter. Vote on the Motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Public Comments

None.

Business Items

Res. No. 65-15 Approving Property Tax Abatement Related to Trail Improvements in the City of North Mankato.

Administrator Harrenstein introduced Julie Eddington from Kennedy & Graven. Ms. Eddington stated the Public Hearing was held earlier in the evening and this resolution would approve the abatement of 76 parcels for approximately 15-years. The abatement levy would be used to pay a portion of the debt service on the proposed 2015A General Obligation Bonds to be issued to fund the trail improvements. Council Member Spears indicated the levy increase was spread across the entire City not just the 76 parcels indicated. Ms. Eddington stated the abatement does not have any additional impact on the individual parcels. Administrator Harrenstein stated while the abatement levy will increase, the debt service levy will decrease in that amount. The debt service levy will not increase other than what assessed valuation and projected growth will allow. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg to adopt Res. No. 65-15 Approving the Property Tax Abatement related to Trail Improvements in the City of North Mankato. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 66-15 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for Project No. 15-01ABCDEF Carlson Drive Extension.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg to adopt Res. No. 66-15 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for Project NO. 15-01ABCDEF Carlson Drive Extension. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Public Works Director Swanson stated work was progressing as scheduled on the Lookout Drive Reconstruction and Roundabouts.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland stated she attended the Region 9 Development Commission Meeting. She indicated the website was very informative for those interested in learning about the Commission. Council Member Norland stated she also attended the meeting of Region Nine Area Inc (RNAI) which is the 501C3 that reviews grants and projects. Council Member Spears stated RNAI is acting as the fiscal agent for the Friends of North Mankato.

Mayor Dehen invited Council Members to attend the Scholarship Banquet at SCC on Friday, August 28, 2015. Tickets would be kept at City Hall.

Mayor Dehen indicated he would have City Clerk Van Genderen e-mail out a copy of the REDA Report.

Attorney Kennedy stated he would like to invite the Council to a Closed Session to discuss two real estate matters. He stated price becomes an issue with real estate and staff would like direction. The Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) of the property are 18.557.0305 and 18.103.0615. Attorney Kennedy requested a Council Member make a motion at the end of the meeting to adjourn to closed session. The session would be taped and the record kept according to law. No Council action would be made during the closed session.

Public Comments

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before Council and requested information on if the City made money at Caswell Park. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the City's expenditures were approximately \$58,000 and the City's revenue was approximately \$70,000. Administrator Harrenstein indicated possible revenue options would be reviewed concerning Caswell Park.

Jim Whitlock, 332 Belgrade Avenue, appeared before Council and stated Blues on Belgrade was a success with approximately 7,000 people attending. He thanked City Council and City Staff for assistance with the event. Whitlock stated Bier on Belgrade would be held on September 26, 2015.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg at 7:25 p.m. to adjourn to a closed session to discuss Parcel Numbers 18.557.0305 and 18.103.0615 and the potential property sale or acquisition. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk