

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 February 1, 2016. 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 Spears, Steiner, and Norland, City Administrator Harrenstein, Attorney Kennedy, City Planner Fischer, Public Works Director Swanson and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Finance Director Thorne and Council Member Freyberg.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of January 19, 2016. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7 pm-Hearing on Street and Alley Easements Vacation Block 4, Hodapp's Addition.

City Planner Fischer stated the petitioner Tom Hagen owns the property located between Lake Street and Bluff Park. When the land was originally platted roads and alleys were platted up the hillside despite the topography. As part of the formal vacation of the street and alley easements a Public Hearing must be held. Utility companies were informed of the request and no utility company had concerns. With no one appearing the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Approved Parade Permit for Lasting Imprint 5K and 10K Fun Run, Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 7:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Spring Lake Park.
- C. Approved Audio and Large Group Permit for Catholic Order of Foresters, Spring Lake Park Shelter #1, Sunday, July 24, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- D. Approved Audio and Large Group Permit for Holy Rosary Church Mass, Wheeler Park, on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- E. Approved Resolution Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church.

Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried. Council Member Spears requested clarification on the \$237,691.63 claim from Mac Queen Equipment, Inc. Public Works Director Swanson stated this was for the new Jetter.

Public Comments

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler appeared before Council and requested clarification on criteria for determining what items can be included on the consent agenda. Ms. Church also asked for clarification on the criteria for materials that can be included as a stuffer in the utility bills.

Business Items

Res. No. 16-16 Vacating Street and Alley Easements Block 4, Hodapp's Addition. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to approve Res. No. 16-16 Vacating Street and Alley Easements Block 4, Hodapp's Addition. Vote on the motion: Council Member Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approve the Revisions to the Agreement with the Minnesota Waste Processing Company, LLC.

Administrator Harrenstein stated this was an updated agreement with the Minnesota Waste Processing Company (MWPC) due to the purchase of the Newport plant by the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board. The agreement has standard language and would result in approximately \$18,000 increase to the monthly cost. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the City has had a relationship with MWPC for many years. Council Member Spears requested clarification on the tipping fees. Administrator Harrenstein stated the tipping fees for MWPC were \$70.00/ton and they would charge the City \$90.73/ton to cover operating costs. Council Member Spears asked if City fees would need to be increased. Administrator Harrenstein stated it would be a good time to review the fees for recycling and solid waste. He clarified that there was no impending risk but the City needs to review the funds. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to approve the Revisions to the Agreement with Minnesota Waste Processing Company, LLC. Vote on the motion: Council Member Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Public Works Director Swanson invited everyone out to the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Classic at Spring Lake Park on February 6 and 7, 2016.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland invited everyone to review the upcoming Community Education offerings.

Council Member Spears moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to require City staff to answer Ms. Church's questions concerning the Consent Agenda and Utility Bill Stuffers. Vote on the motion: Council Member Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Dehen reported that an Intergovernmental Meeting would be held in the Council Chambers at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

Mayor Dehen extended condolences to Nancy Hopkins on the loss of her husband Pat Hopkins. Nancy was a long time member of the Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Mayor Dehen requested information on the progress of the Monarch Pledge. Public Works Director Swanson stated City staff was choosing three action steps to complete in 2016.

Public Comments

None.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk