

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 March 7, 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, Norland and Freyberg, City Administrator Harrenstein, Attorney Kennedy, City Planner Fischer, Public Works Director Swanson and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Finance Director Thorne.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, 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 Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of February 16, 2016. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, Spears and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7 pm-Revised City of North Mankato Assessment Policy.

City Engineer Dan Sarff appeared before Council and reviewed changes to the policy. Changes included clarified definitions for project costs, assessable costs and City costs. Language was changed for bituminous overlays to reflect that they will generally not be assessed. Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and requested clarification on when bituminous overlays would be assessable. Attorney Kennedy stated bituminous overlays could be assessable if there was a direct benefit to the property that increased the fair market value of the residence by the price of the improvement. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the revised Assessment Policy would be brought before Council for approval on March 21, 2016.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 22-16 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Parade Permit for the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk on October 8, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- D. Approved Large Group and Audio Permit for the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk, Spring Lake Park, Shelter #2 on October 8, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- E. Approved Large Group and Audio Permit for True Value Company Picnic, Spring Lake Park, Shelter #1 on August 6, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- F. Approved Large Group and Audio Permit for Movies in the Park at Spring Lake Park on June 10, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- G. Approved Large Group and Audio Permit for Movies in the Park at Spring Lake Park on August 12, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- H. Approved Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Vista Prairie of Monarch Meadows at 2135 LorRay Drive on April 28, 2016.
- I. Purchase of 2016 John Deere backhoe.
- J. Set Public Hearing at 7 pm on March 21, 2016 for Utility Easement Vacation between Lots 3 and 4 of Block 3 of the Landing North Phase 1.
- K. Review Boulevard Tree Program Application and Tree Selections.

- L. Res. No. 23-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges - 2153 LorRay Drive.
- M. Res. No. 24-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges - 205 Queens Court.
- N. Res. No. 25-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges - 31 Coventry Court.
- O. Res. No. 26-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges - 11 Coventry Court.
- P. Res. No. 27-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges - 424 South Avenue.

Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, Spears and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried. Council Member Spears requested the price of the backhoe. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the price sheet was inadvertently left out of the packet and the price was \$91,608.00 and a copy of the information would be sent to Council and added to the packet.

Public Comments

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and stated his continued concern about possible noise pollution at Spring Lake Park.

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and stated she would like confirmation that the Legislation has combined the 4 million and 5 million sales tax and it will all go to referendum. Mayor Dehen indicated more information concerning the sales tax will be forth coming once it comes out of legislative committee.

Business Items

Overview of Belgrade Avenue Master Plan Process. Administrator Harrenstein stated the purpose of the Belgrade Avenue Master Plan is to develop a shared vision with the City, businesses and residents. The Master Plan will focus on the Central Business District but the transportation study would encompass the entire length of Belgrade Avenue. Administrator Harrenstein introduced Megan Flannagan from the City Center Partnership who will be collaborating with the City of North Mankato on the Belgrade Avenue Master Plan. Ms. Flannagan indicated the plan process would include public engagement through a wide variety of media avenues and would include stakeholder meetings, the creation of a steering committee and open houses. Mayor Dehen stated the City was still soliciting volunteer applicants and an application could be found at the City of North Mankato website by selecting the Boards and Committees application. Mayor Dehen stated Council Member Steiner had agreed to become the Council Liaison and Mr. Randy Zellmer agreed to chair the committee.

Staff update on the Roe Crest Drive Project Hearing and Trail. Attorney Kennedy stated the Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Improvement Project No. 15-02ABCDE Roe Crest Drive Project that received 3 ayes and 2 nays vote on February 16, 2016 did not pass because MN Statute 429.031, Subd. 1 requires a super majority vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay. Attorney Kennedy indicated a motion to reconsider brought forward by the prevailing side could allow Council to reconsider the resolution. Discussion was held on the motion to reconsider and Council Member Freyberg and Mayor Dehen from the prevailing side did not move to reconsider. Administrator Harrenstein requested clarification on the timeline for setting a public hearing to reconsider the project. City Engineer Sarff indicated notification could be mailed to residents and published in the paper to meet state requirements and a public hearing could be held on March 21,

2016. Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to adopt Res. No. 28-16 Calling Hearing on Improvement Project No. 15-02ABCDE 2016 Roe Crest Drive Improvement Project. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, Spears and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg to direct staff to plan a Council Work Session the week of March 14-18 to discuss Improvement Project No. 15-02ABCDE Roe Crest Drive Improvement Project. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, Spears and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Sales Tax Extension Update. Administrator Harrenstein reviewed the status of the legislation. He indicated North Mankato requested \$9,000,000 of expanded sales tax authority from 2016-2038 and the revenues from the sales tax extension would be used for purposes approved by voters in 2006 and the Legislature in 2008. The sales tax extension must be placed on the ballot by July of 2016 if a vote is pursued in the fall. Administrator Harrenstein indicated a total of \$5,000,000 may be used to fund indoor regional recreational assets if this spending is approved by the voters through referendum and if the recreational asset is located within the corporate boundaries of North Mankato. Administrator Harrenstein reported discussion concerning a regional recreation facility has continued. A list of qualifying projects was included in the packet and would require prioritization by City Council, staff and citizens. Administrator Harrenstein stated the City is prohibited from campaigning but the City plans on informing citizens of proposed projects. Council Member Spears requested clarification on the Greater Mankato Growth's campaign. Administrator Harrenstein stated he did not know the budget and the City did not contribute to their campaign. Council Member Spears stated the list was one of wants not needs.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein stated City staff was working on a memo concerning noise at Spring Lake Park.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland stated she received a misleading letter from an insurance company concerning street improvements. Council Member Norland stated the letter was not from the City.

Mayor Dehen stated Coffee with the Council would be held at Range Street Liquor located at 1105 Range Street at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th.

Public Comments

None.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk