

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 7, 2017. 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 Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Freyberg, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director McCann, City Attorney Kennedy, Public Works Director Swanson and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Community Development Director Fischer.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of July 24, 2017. Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing-Consider Amending North Mankato City Code, Chapter 111, Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages.”

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue appeared before Council and requested clarification on fees associated with the proposed seasonal extension of premise permit.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Approved Large Group and Audio Permit for Risen Savior Lutheran School Church Service on August 20, 2017, from 7 am to 2 pm at Spring Lake Park Shelter #2 with audio from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.
- C. Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting on July 25, 2017
- D. Set Public Hearing for August 21, 2017, at 7 pm for the North Mankato Wellhead Protection Plan
- E. Set Fall Drop-Off Dates for October 13-15, 2017
- F. Set Water Main Flushing Dates for October 2-20, 2017.
- G. Set Public Hearing for August 21, 2017, at 7 pm for Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).
- H. Approved Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License for Business on Belgrade’s Bier on Belgrade on September 23, 2017.
- I. Approved Large Group and Audio Permit for Business on Belgrade’s Bier on Belgrade on September 23, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- J. Approved Audio Permit for a Neighborhood Gathering at 31 Danbury Court on August 12, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- K. Approved Parade Permit for Mount Olive Charger Challenge Fundraising Walk on September 29, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
- L. Accepted Property Owner Petition to Municipality for Annexation by Ordinance of 9.07 Acres by Mark Hiniker.

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

Public Comments

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and requested clarification on if there would be a Public Comment period on August 18, 2017, concerning IDD No. 1-23 TIF Modification.

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive appeared before Council and stated he disagreed with the proposed Ordinance raising the tobacco purchasing age to 21.

Business Items

Ord. No. 94-17 Consider Adopting Ordinance No. 94, Fourth Series, an Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota Amending North Mankato City Code, Chapter 111, Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages.” City Clerk Van Genderen responded to Ms. Church’s previous question indicating there will be a fee for the license. City Administrator Harrenstein stated the changes allow establishments to utilize areas for events, expanding options for restaurant and bar owners and providing consistency to all establishments. City Attorney Kennedy stated establishments that extend their premise will forfeit parking. He indicated that the area would be controlled and all laws would be followed. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Ord. No. 94-17 Adopting Ordinance No. 94, Fourth Series, an Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota Amending North Mankato City Code, Chapter 111, Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages.”** **Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Resolution on the Proposal to Modify Tax Increment Financing District IDD No. 1-23 and Calling for Consultation with Other Affected Jurisdictions and Public Hearing. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to Adopt Resolution on the Proposal to Modify Tax Increment Financing District IDD No 1-23 and Calling for Consultation with other Affected Jurisdictions and Public Hearing.** **Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Consider Setting Public Hearing for August 21, 2017, at 7 pm to Consider Amending North Mankato City Code, Chapter 110, Entitled “General Business Regulations.” Mayor Dehen stated that this issue was addressed at the intergovernmental meeting with the members split 2 to 2 the recommendation was to bring the proposed ordinance to a Public Hearing in both Mankato and North Mankato with a common language. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to set a public hearing for August 21, 2017, at 7 pm.** **Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Dehen aye; Freyberg nay. Motion carried.**

Consider Adopting a Resolution Regarding Energy Transmission Lines. City Administrator Harrenstein reported the City has been in correspondence with Xcel Energy concerning the construction of the Huntley-Wilmarth 345 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project. He stated the City acknowledges that a new transmission line is needed, but the proposed transmission line would impede future development in North Mankato. The City requests that Xcel remove from consideration all proposals to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission that include segments 20, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 53 of the Huntley-Wilmarth 345 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project and failure to do so will result in

the City exercising all legal means available to oppose construction. The map of the proposed transmission line conflicts with existing and planned development in the North Ridge subdivision. The proposed route does not represent a recommendation of the City of North Mankato. City Administrator Harrenstein then presented the City's actions. On January 31, 2017, North Mankato City Administrator and Community Development Director Fischer met with Trisha Rosenfeld and Tim Carlsgaard regarding Xcel Energy's proposed 40-50 mile 345-kilovolt transmission line from the Huntley substation to the Wilmarth substation. At the meeting, staff discussed the need to route a northern line away from the boundary of the City. On June 19, 2017, Xcel Energy appeared before Council and presented information concerning a joint project between Xcel and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO). On June 21, 2017, ITC Midwest and Xcel Energy hosted an open house in Mankato regarding the proposed 345 KV Line. Several North Mankato residents attended and raised concerns about segment 53 of the proposed route. On July 6, the City Administrator spoke with Tim Carlsgaard at Xcel to discuss the city's opposition to segment 53 and requested information concerning the process and requested removal of segment 53 from the proposal. On July 19, 2017, City Administrator Harrenstein, Community Development Director Fischer, and several property owners met with Trisha Rosenfeld, Tom Hillstrom, Tim Carlsgaard, and Lori Broghammer (ITC) regarding the Huntley-Wilmarth proposal. Specific concerns were discussed about segments 20, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 53. Xcel indicated they would take the comments under consideration. City Administrator Harrenstein suggested that Xcel pursue a more westerly route on 490th avenue. He indicates that this Resolution may be the first of several actions to formally express concerns. Harrenstein indicated that the memo would be posted online. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to adopt Resolution Regarding Energy Transmission Lines. Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids Project No. 17-03 2017 Spring Lake Park Pool Warming House. City Administrator Harrenstein stated the proposed project would be a year round community asset. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to adopt Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids Project No. 17-03, 2017 Spring Lake Park Pool Warming House. Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Public Works Project update. Public Works Director Swanson updated the Council on current and proposed Public Works Projects, including construction plans for the Spring Lake Pool upgrade, Spring Lake Warming House Addition, Spring Lake Pool Building, Spring Lake Park Hockey Rinks, South Spring Lake Bathroom Structure, Benson Park Shelter, Prairie Restoration, Bluff Park Scenic Overlook, Benson Bridges, Street Overlay Program, Seal Coating and the River Boat Landing. He reported several projects would begin or be completed in 2018 due to time and budget restraints. Council Member Steiner requested information on the boat landing. Public Works Director Swanson reported it would be built on Judson Bottom Road and would be utilized for the Caswell Sports Biathlon on September 30, 2017, which would include boating and biking.

Finance Director McCann stated that he was working on the budget. He informed the Council that the first budget workshop would either be August 21, 2017, or September 5, 2017.

City Administrator Harrenstein discussed the Greater Minnesota Coalition Conference in Fergus Falls. He indicated Mankato, St. Peter and North Mankato would be jointly hosting the conference in 2018.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland stated that she walked Benson Park and it looked wonderful. She thanked City Administrator Harrenstein, and consultant Katie Boon for the participatory leadership training offered to the department heads. Staff will take what they learn into community engagement events. The first community engagement will be held by the Police Department discussing the prevention of burglary and fraud.

Council Member Whitlock stated the City used to host business appreciation luncheons and he would like to bring those events back.

Council Member Steiner mentioned that scammers were calling North Mankato residents saying they were from the IRS. He warned residents that these calls were not legitimate.

Mayor Dehen read a certificate of recognition into the record:

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Judge Bradley C. Walker has dedicated his career to public service in our community, and has now announced that he will retire on August 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, his service includes honorable service in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1973-1977, private law practice from 1977-1998 which included working as City Attorney for the City of North Mankato, his service as the Fifth Judicial District Judge began with an appointment July 15, 1998, and election to service in 2000, 2006, and 2012; and

WHEREAS, he has been an active participant in civic affairs and projects, having held responsible positions on many boards and organizations, and has a powerful influence for good in the growth and progress of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mark Dehen, Mayor of the City of North Mankato, do hereby proclaim August 12, 2017, as:

JUDGE BRADLEY C WALKER DAY

In the City of North Mankato, and extend to Judge Walker my personal congratulations and also those of the City Council and all our area citizens. We appreciate his many years of dedicated service and extend to him our best wishes for many years of happiness in the future.

Mayor Dehen stated that the United Way tug-of-war will take place on August 16, 2017, from noon to 1:00 p.m. on the Veteran's Memorial Bridge.

Mayor Dehen stated that on August 16, 2017, from 6:30-8:30 pm at MSU's Centennial Student Union there will be a #25by25MN water quality town hall meeting. Governor Dayton and his administration have organized ten town halls to offer Minnesotans an opportunity to discuss the water quality challenges facing their communities and the state.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk