

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 January 17, 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 Norland, Freyberg, Whitlock, and Steiner, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director McCann, Community Development Director Fischer, Public Works Director Swanson and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: City Attorney Kennedy.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Whitlock, Steiner 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 January 3, 2017. Vote on the motion: Norland, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; Freyberg abstain. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – 7 p.m., Consider a Petition for Utility Easement Vacation within Taylor

Addition. Community Development Director Fischer indicated Taylor Corporation had requested a replat of their property. To complete the replat, Taylor Corporation must relocate a lot line and vacate a utility easement. Taylor Corporation petitioned to vacate an easement, and all utility companies have been notified and no companies have utilities within the easement. With no one appearing before Council, Mayor Dehen closed the Public Hearing.

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. 6-17 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Audio Permit for the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament at Spring Lake Park on January 28 and 29, 2017.
- D. Res. No. 7-17 Declaring Costs to be Assessed-538 Page Avenue.
- E. Res. No. 8-17 Declaring Costs to be Assessed-638 Belgrade Avenue.
- F. Res. No. 9-17 Authorizing the City of North Mankato to Abate the Hazardous Building Located at 732 Wall Street.

Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Steiner and Dehen aye; Whitlock abstain. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chad Hoppe, 2243 Kodiak Drive, appeared before Council and expressed his concern about the Trail's West Estates proposed development. He indicated the plat map that was sent out with the informational materials from the Planning Commission was not what he was shown at the time they purchased their house. He stated he presented the developer with an alternative option that changed the location of the cul-de-sac without reducing the number of lots. Mr. Hoppe expressed his concerns with snow removal with the new development.

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and expressed his interest in the establishment of a Historic Preservation Commission in North Mankato.

Gary Wolters, United Asset Development Corporation, appeared before Council and stated he had reviewed Mr. Hoppe's alternative development plan and indicated the requested changes would not make it possible for him to develop the property. He reviewed preliminary estimates and stated if he altered the plan he would lose two lots which would eliminate his ability to create the development. He stated as far as snow removal that was the City's responsibility.

Council Member Freyberg requested the Community Development Director provide his views on the development. Community Development Director Fischer stated the Planning Commission recommended the 30 lots and as far as Mr. Hoppe's statement that the plat map had been altered he must be mistaken as this was the original layout. Council Member Freyberg requested Mr. Wolters report on the cost of the houses. Mr. Wolters said the houses would cost \$170,000 to \$180,000 not including the lot price. Landscaping, appliances and the garage doors were not included in the price. Council Member Steiner requested Public Works Director Swanson clarify snow removal policies for the subdivision. Public Works Director Swanson stated snow would be plowed and removed with no snow left on Mr. Hoppe's property.

Business Items

Res. No. 10-17 Vacating 10 Foot Wide Utility Easement Lying East of and Adjoining the West Line of Taylor Addition. Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to Adopt Res. No. 10-17 Vacating 10 Foot Wide Utility Easement Lying East of and Adjoining the West Line of Taylor Addition. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Zoning Application Z-1-17, a Request from United Asset Development Corporation. Ordinance No. 85 Fourth Series, Rezoning Outlot A, North Gate No. 2 from R-1, One-Family Dwelling to R-1S, One-Family Dwelling, Small Lot. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to Approve Zoning Application Z-1-17, A Request from United Asset Development Corporation and Adopt Ordinance No. 85 Fourth Series, Rezoning Outlot A, North Gate No. 2 from R-1, One-Family Dwelling to R-1S, One-Family Dwelling, Small Lot. Vote on the motion: Norland, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; Freyberg nay. Motion carried.

Preliminary and Final Plat of Trail's West Estates, A Request from United Asset Development Corporation. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to Approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of the Trail's West Estates, A Request from United Asset Development Corporation. Vote on the motion: Norland, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; Freyberg nay. Motion carried.

Preliminary and Final Plat of Taylor Second Addition, A Request from Taylor Corporation. Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to Approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of Taylor Second Addition, A Request from Taylor Corporation. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Preliminary and Final Plat of North Port No. 19, A Request from the North Mankato Port Authority. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to Approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of North Port No. 19, A Request from the North Mankato Port Authority. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Whitlock, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

None.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland requested a small committee to review the deer population and control in North Mankato. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the staff would be willing to review Mankato's information and contact the DNR.

Council Member Steiner requested Administrator Harrenstein address the requested Historic Preservation Commission. Administrator Harrenstein stated the City continues to evaluate historical preservation options by addressing ideas during the downtown planning study with Bolton & Menk. He expressed interest in the Planning Commission serving in the capacity of historic preservation. Concerns with historic preservation include balancing political interests with the property rights of those who own the property. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Nicollet County Historical Society could be consulted but would not be brought in to tell the City what to do with preservation. Mayor Dehen stated SHPO could be contacted to offer criteria.

Council Member Steiner said citizens had been contacting him concerning allowing dogs in Spring Lake Park. He indicated the City should consider partnering with a corporation or company to provide dog stations if dogs were allowed in the park. Mayor Dehen stated the public should be allowed to express their opinions in a Public Hearing before making a decision.

Council Member Whitlock stated he attended a Region Nine meeting and members of the board expressed their thanks to Council Member Norland for her years of service on the board.

Council Member Whitlock reported the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament would occur at Spring Lake Park on January 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Council Member Steiner stated Mr. Wild from Hot 96.7 was working to ensure the audio would be in compliance with City Code for the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament.

Mayor Dehen proclaimed January 22-28, 2017 as North Mankato School Choice Week.

Mayor Dehen stated he attended the Hwy 14 Partnership Annual Meeting and information was included in the packet for review.

Mayor Dehen requested the Council have a strategic planning session in February or March.

Mayor Dehen reported Mankato Area Youth Football, Toys for Tots, LEEP and the Graduation Committee all thanked the City for donations from the Charitable Gambling distribution established in the budget.

Public Comments

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and requested information on the CCTV Building in Mankato. She requested the return of brush pickup. Ms. Church suggested the use of the I&S Belgrade Avenue Model during the Belgrade Avenue Master Plan/Corridor Study open houses on January 26 and 28, 2017. Administrator Harrenstein reported the CCTV building was a topic of discussion with Mankato as Mankato tried to determine if they wanted to sell or lease the building. He indicated the funds would be funneled into the KTV fund. Administrator Harrenstein reported the Belgrade Avenue Model could be brought out for the open houses.

Chad Hoppe, 2243 Kodiak Drive, appeared before Council and thanked them for listening to his concerns about the development.

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and stated SHPO was created so cities could use the model and not recreate the wheel. Mr. Hagen stated he was not suggesting the elimination of deer. He believes the deer know where they are safe and intrude on that area. Mr. Hagen stated Mankato's deer hunt does not eliminate deer only controls the population.

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