

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 4, 2019. Acting Mayor Steiner 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: Acting Mayor Steiner, Council Member Oachs, and Whitlock, City Administrator Harrenstein, City Attorney Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, Community Development Director Fischer, Public Works Director Host, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Mayor Dehen and Council Member Norland.

Approval of Agenda

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

Proclamation Acting Mayor Steiner read the following Proclamation into record.

*Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
February 7-14, 2019*

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect; and

WHEREAS, the medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how this defect affects all our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Dehen, Mayor of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2019, to be

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

in the City of North Mankato, and encourage all North Mankato residents to join me in this special observance.

Kristen and Amayah Thomas from Lasting Imprint received the proclamation and were joined by Jenni Bobholz and Clay Oachs from Business on Belgrade to present the City with an AED for the Spring Lake Park Warming House.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 2019

Council Member Oachs moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of January 22, 2019. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock and Steiner aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Work Session Minutes January 28, 2019

Council Member Whitlock moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session of January 28, 2019. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock and Steiner aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Whitlock moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 16-19 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 17-19 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement-423 Nicollet Avenue.
- D. Approved Park and Audio Permit for Southern MN Autism Coalition "Walk Do" on April 28, 2019, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Spring Lake Park.
- E. Approved Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit for Design & Wine LLC, at 300 Belgrade Avenue, from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2019.
- F. Set Spring Clean-up for April 8-12 for the Valley and April 15-19 for the Hilltop.
- G. Set Water Main Flushing for April 1-5 for the Valley and April 1-19 for the Hilltop.
- H. Authorized City Administrator to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Water Resource Recovery Facility.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

None.

Business Items

Res. No. 18-19 Authorizing Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Application.

Community Development Director Fischer reported the resolution is for an outdoor recreation grant administered by the DNR, is for the Bluff Park overlook. The City would be committing to submitting the grant application, and the City would be responsible for 50% of the project. The estimated cost of the project is \$172,475, and the City's portion would be \$86,237.50. The Grant deadline is March 29th with awards expected in June 2019. Community Development Director Fischer reported the grant is competitive and the City would not be guaranteed funding.

Council Member Oachs moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock to adopt Res. No. 18-19 Authorizing Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Application. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, and Steiner aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Receive Benson Park Shelter and Parking Lot Update.

Public Works Director Host reviewed the proposed Benson Park Shelter and Parking Lot. The proposed shelter/restroom will service the playground area, and the parking lot will be adequate to allow off-street parking. He reviewed the site map showing the proposed location of the restroom/shelter and the parking lot. City Administrator Harrenstein noted the funding would be out of the capital outlay budget of the parks.

Discuss Revenue Guide Business Licenses and Permits

This item will be discussed at a Council Work Session.

Open Forum

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and expressed his concerns about the deer population and requested a deer count by the DNR.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein stated the 2018 Community Development Report would be deferred and the report will be posted online.

Attorney Kennedy reported the Council would adjourn to a closed session to discuss a letter from outside legal Council relating to claims pending against the City; the meeting will be recorded.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Oachs reminded residents to remove ice and snow from their sidewalks. She also reminded everyone about the Huntley-Wilmarth Public Hearings on February 6, 2019, at 1 pm and 6 pm at the Courtyard Marriott.

Council Member Whitlock reported the Warming House Grand Opening was a success and the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament was a wonderful event with 25 adult teams and 33 Mites.

Acting Mayor Steiner reported thank you's from the Echo Food Shelf, Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, BENCHS, LEEP and Mankato area LaCrosse for the donations from the 10% Gambling Fund.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Whitlock, seconded by Council Member Oachs, the meeting adjourned to a closed session for pending litigation attorney-client privilege at 7:34 p.m.

At 8:04 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Oachs, seconded by Council Member Whitlock left the closed session and announced no action was taken and adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

City Clerk