

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 July 15, 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: Council Members Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Oachs, 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.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes July 1, 2019

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of July 1, 2019. Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Oachs aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 54-19 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Audio Permits for the Circle Inn, 232 Belgrade Avenue on July 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 26, and 31st.
- D. Approved Audio Permit for Stacy Jackson at 2149 Snowbird Lane on July 16, 2019, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- E. Approved Audio Permit for Mankato RiverBlenders Chorus at Spring Lake Shelter #1 on July 16, 2019, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- F. Res. No. 55-19 Setting Permit Application Fee for Small Cell Wireless Equipment.
- G. Approved Parade and Park Permits for Mount Olive Lutheran School on September 27, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

None.

Business Items

None.

Open Forum

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and requested the City consider a historic preservation committee.

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, suggested swamp white oak trees for placement in front of City Hall and mentioned the City should try to locate the gentleman with whom he took the Historic Bus Tour with to have him share some of his stories.

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and questioned if the City had plans to manage the organic recycling. Public Works Director Host reported Waste Management had continued the Cities service and there has not been a disruption in services.

Kim Henrickson, 1705 Lee Blvd, appeared before Council and reported the next Farmers' Market week, July 22-29th, would focus on Environmental Awareness and requested the City announce the week as Environmental Awareness week. Acting Mayor Billy Steiner proclaimed the week of July 22-29, 2019 as Environmental Awareness week in North Mankato.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein stated the City had had a terrific two weeks with the historic tours, Aussie Peppers youth softball, Fun Days, the Fun Days Parade and the coronation of Miss Fun Days. He thanked the Park Department for their work in Benson and Bluff Park; both parks have beautiful prairies. He thanked the street department for their work patching.

Public Works Director Host reported the swim facility grand opening should be soon. He also reported the Commerce Drive project is moving quickly.

Attorney Kennedy reported several nuisance properties would be coming before City Council for abatement.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Oachs reported 2019s Miss Fun Days is Rachel Kohlmeyer. She thanked the staff and the Police and Reserve for their work during Fun Days.

Council Member Norland thanked City staff for their work on the historic programming and tours.

Council Member Steiner reported it was a great week.

Council Member Whitlock stated Blues on Belgrade would be held on July 27th. He indicated he would be participating on July 19th in the Blue Earth County Relay for Life as survivor of the year.

Council Member Whitlock reported North Mankato won the Fun Days Celebrity Horseshoe Tournament.

At 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Whitlock the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk