

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 June 17, 2019. 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, Oachs, Whitlock, and Steiner, City Administrator Harrenstein, City Attorney Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, Public Works Director Host, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Community Development Director Fischer.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Peppers Week Proclamation**

*WHEREAS, Mankato Area Girls Fastpitch Association (MAGFA) was started in 1982 and became known as the "Peppers" because the first sponsor was Dr. Pepper; and*

*WHEREAS, MAGFA supports and encourages girls and young women to become involved in softball; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 4,800 girls participated in softball over the last 10 years and that number looks to increase in the next 10 years; and*

*WHEREAS, Peppers will host a National Professional Fastpitch team in North Mankato during June-August, 2019; and*

*WHEREAS, the Peppers National Professional Fastpitch team will bring 15 International teams to North Mankato in 2019; and*

*WHEREAS, over 150 teams are expected for Peppers Week 2019 during Rising Stars & Peppers Classic Tournament; and*

*WHEREAS, Girls Fastpitch brings an estimated 5,000 visitors to the greater Mankato area and generates a significant economic impact to the area.*

*NOW THEREFORE I, Mark Dehen, Mayor of North Mankato, proclaim June 18-July 6, 2019 as:*

*PEPPERS WEEK*

*And I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.*

### **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes June 3, 2019**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of June 3, 2019. Vote on the motion: Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 49-19 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Parade Permit for the North Mankato Fun Days Kiddie Parade on July 12, 2019, from 6:15-7:00 p.m.
- D. Approved Parade Permit for the North Mankato Fun Days Parade on July 13, 2019, Parade starts at 11:00 a.m.
- E. Approved Audio Permit for the Spinners Patio on June 29, 2019, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Vote on the motion: Norland, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; Oachs abstain; no nays.**

**Motion carried.**

**Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda**

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and discussed Item 10C, indicating she thought the discussion should include examples and benefits of participation in the Greater Mankato Regional Marketplace.

**Business Items**

**Set Public Hearing for 7:00 p.m. on July 1, 2019, to Consider Ordinance NO. 116, Amending North Mankato City Code, Title XV: Land Usage Chapter 152 Manufactured Mobile Home Dwelling Parks.**

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the Planning Commission had reviewed a request from Cal-Am to amend City Code to reduce the minimum separation of mobile/manufactured homes from 20 feet to 10 feet and upon review recommended denying the request. The City Council subsequently accepted the Planning Commission's recommendation and denied the request. During the discussion, it was determined it might be beneficial to amend City Code to allow accessory structures to be as close to the primary dwelling as allowed by State Fire and Building Codes provided there is a minimum of 10 feet separation between any other structure. City Administrator Harrenstein reported the motion would set a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on July 1, 2019, to consider Ordinance No. 116.

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs to Set a Public Hearing for 7:00 p.m. on July 1, 2019, to Consider Ordinance No. 116, Amending North Mankato City Code, Title XV: Land Usage Chapter 152 Manufactured Mobile Home Dwelling Parks. Vote on the motion: Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res. No. 50-19 Approving MN/DOT Agreement No. 1033943 Grant Agreement for State Transportation Fund (Local Road Improvement Program) and Grant Terms and Conditions 2019 Commerce Drive Improvement Project SP 150-119-003, MINN Proj No. STPF, 5219, (102).**

City Engineer Sarff appeared before Council and reported the agreement with MnDOT is for the \$700,000 in State funds from the Local Road Improvement Grant. The agreement allows the City to receive the funds. Council Member Steiner requested clarification on the start date. City Engineer Sarff reported the anticipated start date is July 1, 2019. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to Adopt Res. No. 50-19 Approving MN/DOT Agreement No. 1033943 Grant Agreement for State Transportation Fund (Local Road Improvement Program) and Grant Terms and Conditions 2019 Commerce Drive Improvement Project SP 150-119-003,**

**MINN Proj No. STPF 5219 (102). Vote on the motion: Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Approved a Joint Economic Development Services Agreement Regarding the Greater Mankato Regional Marketplace.**

John Considine, Greater Mankato Growth's Business Development Resource Manager, appeared before Council and reviewed the updates to the agreement which included Marketplace Enhancements, increased program services, and updates on partners and clarification on services. Mr. Considine reviewed some of the services REDA provided which included assistance with Requests for Information from businesses looking to relocate or expand, assistance with meeting with local businesses, and the provision of resources to the City of North Mankato. City Administrator Harrenstein reported REDA has worked with North Mankato and provided volumes of research and data, provided information to businesses interested in relocating to North Mankato, and helped create cooperation within the region. Council Member Steiner requested clarification on if a business was interested in locating in the Industrial Park if the City of North Mankato has control over that process. Mr. Considine assured Council the City has complete control and works to support that growth.

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council member Whitlock to approve the Joint Economic Development Services Agreement Regarding the Greater Mankato Regional Marketplace.**

**Open Forum**

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and commented on the Historic Context Study and historic preservation.

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before Council and commented on taxes in North Mankato and deer.

**City Administrator and Staff Comments**

City Administrator Harrenstein reported that Movies in the Park would be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Wheeler Park and activities begin at 7:00 p.m. with the movie starting at dusk. He reported Casting with a Cop will occur on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9 am to 11 am at Mill Pond at Riverside Park in St. Peter and to contact Officer Hughs who is coordinating the effort between St. Peter, Nicollet County, and North Mankato. City Administrator Harrenstein reported Miss Fun Days coronation would occur on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Wheeler Park.

Public Works Director Host reported progress is being made on the swim facility and Benson Park parking lot has been poured, and the excavation for the Benson shelter is underway.

**Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Oachs reported Miss Fun Days Coronation would occur on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Wheeler park at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Norland reported she reviewed the Historic Context Study and enjoyed the report.

Mayor Dehen reported a lot of activities are planned around Fun Days for the 120<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration.

Mayor Dehen read a thank you from Bridges school for the swim pass donation to their silent auction.

At 7:38 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Whitlock the Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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City Clerk