

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

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Dehen requested the addition of a brief presentation by Matt Mangulis from the Mankato Peppers to the Agenda. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the amended agenda. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of February 19, 2019. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Work Session Minutes February 25, 2019

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session of February 25, 2019. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Norland, and Dehen aye; Whitlock abstain. Motion carried.

Presentation

Administrator Harrenstein introduced Vice President of Mankato Area Girls Fastpitch Association Matt Mangulis. Mr. Mangulis presented a PowerPoint that reviewed the organizations 37 years in Mankato. He indicated the Peppers provide activity opportunities for youth and generates an economic impact. Mr. Mangulis reported the Peppers are excited to bring the Olympic hopeful team the Aussie Peppers to Caswell Park. The games will be live streamed and provide additional exposure to Caswell Park. Mayor Dehen thanked the Peppers for their work and indicated the City is excited to partner with the Peppers on this venture.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. 24-19 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Park and Audio Permit for Holy Rosary Church Mass and Picnic on September 15, 2019, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Wheeler Park.
- D. Res. 25-19 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church.
- E. Approved Parade Permit for Dance Conservatory Tulips & Tutu 5K Fun Run at Benson Park on April 27, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- F. Approved Renewal of Caswell Parks Liquor License from April 30, 2019, to April 30, 2020.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

None

Business Items**Res. No. 26-19 Adopting Multipurpose Sports Facility Market Feasibility Study.**

City Administrator Harrenstein reviewed the Market Feasibility Study recommendations which included moving forward with a multipurpose indoor sports facility. Two structures were discussed in the study; one was 44,000 square feet the other was 88,000 square feet. The recommendation is for the larger structure which includes four regulation basketball courts, which can be converted to eight regulation volleyball courts or eight elementary/middle-school size basketball courts, and six indoor tennis courts. The larger facility will not only meet current market needs but also allow North Mankato to compete for regional tournaments and larger recreational events consistent with the Council's goal of increasing regional sport tourism. City Administrator Harrenstein reviewed the resolution that resolves to approve the Multipurpose Sports Facility Market Feasibility Study, proceed with planning for the larger building option subject to changes deemed appropriate during project development and proceed with development of the project subject to financing. Mayor Dehen noted this was not a commitment to build the structure, but to continue in the process depending on funding. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock to adopt Res. No. 26-19 Adopting Multipurpose Sports Facility Market Feasibility Study. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Solar Garden Subscription Program Contract with US/Solar.

Finance Director McCann reviewed the proposed subscription with US/Solar. He reported the agreement was for 25 years with cancellation options at ten years and 20 years, with a guaranteed one cent savings. The contract presented little to no risk to the City with projected savings over the 25 years of \$94,224. Finance Director McCann reported the contract was reviewed by Attorney Kennedy. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs to Approve the Solar Garden Subscription Program Contract with US/Solar. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Whitlock, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Open Forum

None.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein requested direction from the Council concerning the next Council Work Session. Lorna Sandvick would be attending the March 25, 2019, Council Work Session and currently there was nothing planned for March 11, 2019. Mayor Dehen and Council decided to take March 11, 2019, off and not hold a Work Session.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported staff, as directed by Council, was looking into an Emergency Alert System that would allow text messages.

Public Works Director Host reported snow removal and clean-up continues.

Finance Director McCann thanked all those that participated in Peddle Past Poverty.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland reported attendance at the Nicollet County Comprehensive Land Use Plan development meetings. She indicated the meeting she attended focused on land use and natural resource protection including protecting and cleaning up Minnesota's water.

Mayor Dehen reported Tea with the Council would be held on Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 am at Curiosi-Tea House at 1745 Commerce Drive and invited residents to attend.

Mayor Dehen stated he received a thank you from South Central for donations to the scholarship fund.

Mayor Dehen reported he received an invitation to the Women of Distinction meeting and if any Council Member was interested in attending to let staff know.

At 7:27 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Whitlock the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk