

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 October 21, 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: Council Members Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Mayor Dehen, City Administrator Harrenstein, City Attorney Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, Community Development Director Fischer, Public Works Director Host, and City Clerk Van Genderen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes October 7, 2019

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of October 7, 2019. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Work Session Minutes October 14, 2019

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session meeting of October 14, 2019. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.-Ordinance Setting Mayor, and City Council Compensation.

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and expressed concern that the Mayor's pay was higher than the Council Members pay. Ms. Church also expressed concern that the Ordinance establishes regular pay raises based on the cost of living adjustment (COLA).

With no one else appearing, Mayor Dehen closed the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.-Annexation of 3.58 Acres owned by Burnett Properties LLLP.

Community Development Director Fischer reported the annexation would be of 3.58 acres of land near adjacent to Port Authority land, and the City may purchase the land. The owner petitioned to have the land annexed into the City.

With no one else appearing, Mayor Dehen closed the Public Hearing.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 76-19 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Parade and Audio Permit for YMCA Stride Race on November 16, 2019, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- D. Approved Park and Audio Permit for True Value Company Picnic on August 1, 2020, at Spring Lake Park Shelter #1 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- E. Res. No. 77-19 Declaring Surplus Vehicles and Equipment.
- F. Set a Special Council Meeting for October 28, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. in the North Mankato Council Chambers.

- G. Set a Public Hearing on November 4, 2019, at 7:00 pm to Consider an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing City Code Chapter 34.4 Local Sales and Use Tax.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and indicated she believed it would not be long before the one half of one percent food and beverage tax would be raised to one percent. She encouraged the City to be fiscally conservative and encouraged the Council to vote no.

Business Items

Ordinance No. 118, Fourth Series Amending Chapter 34 and Creating Section 34.60 of the North Mankato City code and Imposing a One Half of One Percent Local Sales Tax on all Sales of Food and Beverages by a Restaurant or Place of Refreshment that is Located within the City of North Mankato.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the Ordinance would impose a one half of one percent food and beverage tax. The City has been authorized by the State for up to one percent. The Ordinance defines the language used in the Ordinance and defines the locations where the tax will be collected.

Council Member Oachs reviewed the possibility that the imposition of the tax could have a negative impact on local businesses. She also questioned if the revenue would cover the Caswell operating deficit since the deficit seems to continue to grow. She questioned if additional revenue sources were considered. City Administrator Harrenstein stated several factors had compounded the issue, including the lack of lodging tax revenue, which will be remedied in the future. Other items are increasing the revenue at Caswell Park including alcohol sales, concession pricing, and growing advertisement. Mayor Dehen noted the lodging tax could only be used for promotions where the food and beverage tax can be used for the operating budget. The food and beverage tax would also tax those that are visiting North Mankato and could be used on operations. He stated the City would like to stay away from increasing property tax. Mayor Dehen noted that Mankato has had the food and beverage tax for several years, and people still go out to eat in Mankato and are not visiting North Mankato to eat because of the tax. Council Member Oachs questioned why the tax was only being imposed on food and beverage if Caswell is a community/regional asset because then everyone should pay for the asset. City Administrator stated the food and beverage tax is not the local sales and use tax. The local sales and use tax must be used for capital improvements not operating budgets. He reported the City has agreed to subsidize Caswell to benefit the region. City Administrator Harrenstein noted the food and beverage tax might also be used for other regional events. Council Member Norland noted Caswell brings between 35,000 to 50,000 visitors to the region every year with an economic impact between 5 and 7 million dollars. She noted she was willing to pay \$10.05 for her \$10.00 breakfast at a local restaurant to help support the facility. Council Member Steiner noted he had heard an overwhelming request from residents to say no to the tax. Council Member Whitlock stated he had heard more people support the tax than not support the tax. Mayor Dehen stated he understood Council Member Steiner's position but noted he must also vote for the best of the majority, and he does not believe raising property taxes would be a good option. Council Member Oachs reported the food and beverage tax is based on consumption, while property taxes would have everyone help pay for the community asset.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock to adopt Ordinance No. 118, Fourth Series Amending Chapter 34 and Creating Section 34.60 of the North

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Public Hearing, 12:00 p.m.-Tax Increment Financing District IDD No. 1-26.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the resolution is required to open the TIF District. He reported the project would promote redevelopment of unused and underused land, create jobs and enhance the local tax base.

With no one else appearing, Mayor Dehen closed the Public Hearing.

Business Items

Res. No. 80-19 of the City Council of the City of North Mankato Approving Tax Increment Financing District IDD No. 1-26.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to Adopt Res. No. 80-19 of the City Council of the City of North Mankato Approving Tax Increment Financing District IDD No. 1-26. Vote on the motion: Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

At 12:52 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Norland, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk

Finance Director McCann reported the staff would provide an updated CIP and the completed proposed 2020 Budgetbook to Council, and the Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to close the Council Work Session at 1:19 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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ORDINANCE NO. 121, FOURTH SERIES

(a) The gross receipts from retail sales or leases of tangible personal property made pursuant to a bona fide written contract, which unconditionally vests the rights and obligations of

costs of collecting the local sales and use tax imposed by this chapter and to finance the capital and administrative costs directly related to completing the designated projects.



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Authorization Signatures

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES FOR 2020

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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