

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 November 2, 2020. City Administrator Harrenstein on March 31, 2020, under MN Statute Section 13D.021, declared the use of electronic meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 remotely through Zoom for roll call: Council Members Whitlock, Oachs and Steiner, City Attorney Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, and Public Works Director Host, present in the Council Chambers for roll call: Council Member Norland, Mayor Dehen, City Administrator Harrenstein, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Community Development Director Fischer. Citizen participation was available through teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval Council Minutes from the October 19, 2020, Council Meeting.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of October 19, 2020. Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Work Session Minutes from the October 26, 2020, Council Work Session.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session Meeting of October 26, 2020. Vote on the motion: Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 85-20 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

None.

Business Items

None.

Open Forum

None

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the City's Kerns Bridge application was rejected in the first round. The City spoke with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to discuss the

application. MnDOT indicated the City's application did not meet the criteria because the placement may not warrant the structure being placed back on the national historic registry, the proposed location was not over moving water, MnDOT was concerned about the matching local add cap of \$360,000, and that the bridge was only near a pedestrian trail. City Administrator Harrenstein reported while the City could continue the application process and create a robust application, he did not recommend proceeding. Still, if the Council would like to continue, staff would continue the process. Mayor Dehen requested Council thoughts. Council Member Norland, Oachs, Steiner, and Whitlock all agreed the City should pursue other options for a bridge in Benson Park.

City Administrator Harrenstein thanked City Clerk Van Genderen and Public Information Officer Brown for preparing the elections.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the library provided a positive Halloween experience with their Trunk or Treat event, and the Police handed out 750 glow sticks to trick or treaters.

Public Works Director Host reported leaf pickup continues.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland thanked City Clerk Van Genderen and Public Information Officer Brown for their work on the elections.

Council Member Oachs encouraged citizens to get out and vote.

Council Member Steiner reported he had contacted Nicollet County to track his ballot, and they helped assure him his vote was counted.

Council Member Whitlock encouraged participation in the no shave November events for men's health.

Council Member Whitlock reported he and his wife Karen participated in the trunk or treat event, and it was a great event.

Mayor Dehen wished all candidates running in the 2020 Election the best.

At 7:18 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Oachs, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk