

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 April 21, 2008. Mayor Zellmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for the meeting, Mayor Zellmer, Council Members Norland, DeWitte, Schindle and Steiner, City Administrator Sande, Finance Director Mork, City Clerk Gehrke, Attorney Kennedy, Engineer Rippke and Planner Fischer.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of April 7, 2008. Vote on the motion: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence**

**Thank-You Letter from Leisure Education for Exceptional People (LEEP)**

Mayor Zellmer read a letter from Becky Kunst, Executive Director of Leisure Education for Exceptional People (LEEP), thanking the City for the generous donation from the 10% charitable gambling fund. The donation will be used for development of programs and activities for people with disabilities.

**Local Government Innovations Award, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs**

Planner Fischer reported the City was notified by the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs that the City was chosen as a Local Government Innovations Awards winner in the Public/Nonprofit/Private Collaboration category. This award is for the soccer fields the City of North Mankato, Mankato School District, the Soccer Association and Bolton & Menk collaboratively built. Planner Fischer attended the reception along with representatives of the Soccer Association and Bolton & Menk and was presented this award.

**Open the Meeting to the Public for the First Time**

**Kathleen Aho, Springsted, Inc. – Bond Recommendations for G.O. Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A, G.O. Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B and G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Refund Bonds, Series 2008C**

Kathleen Aho, Springsted, Inc., appeared before the Council with recommendations on the sale of \$1,815,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A, \$2,295,000 General Obligation Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B and \$2,165,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2008C. Ms. Aho reported Moody’s Investors notified Springsted, Inc. that the City’s bond rating was affirmed as A2 prior to the bond sale taking place on April 21, 2008. Ms. Aho noted before the City would be considered for an A1 rating, it would need an additional \$1 million in the General Fund reserve. Ms. Aho reported five bids were received for the Series 2008A issue, three bids were received for the Series 2008B issue and five bids were received for the Series 2008C issue.

**Res. No. 58-08 Awarding the Sale of \$1,815,000 G.O. Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A**

The following bids were received for the \$1,815,000 G.O. Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A:

Bidder	Net Interest Cost	True Interest Rate
Northland Securities/ Bernardi Securities Incorporated	\$383,836.33	3.4405%
United Bankers’ Bank	\$386,789.37	3.4656%

UMB Bank, N.A.	\$391,510.73	3.5112%
Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC	\$397,445.33	3.5190%
UBS Securities LLC/ Cronin & Company Inc.	\$401,616.88	3.5819%

Ms. Aho reported the G.O. Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A, would be used to finance the improvements for the Bennett Street/Pierce Avenue Reconstruction and the Howard Drive West Extension. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 58-08 Awarding the Sale of \$1,815,000 G.O. Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A, to Northland Securities/Bernardi Securities Incorporated for a net cost of \$383,836.33 and a true interest rate of 3.4405%. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res. No. 59-08 Awarding the Sale of \$2,295,000 G.O. Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B**

The following bids were received for the G.O. Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Net Interest Cost</u>	<u>True Interest Rate</u>
Bernardi Securities Incorporated/ Northland Securities	\$1,323,770.63	4.0397%
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated	\$1,329,065.05	4.0663%
Cronin & Company, Inc./ UBS Securities LLC	\$1,406,365.45	4.2852%

Ms. Aho reported the G.O. Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B, would be used to finance Water Towers No. 1 and No. 2 and water system improvements. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 59-08 Awarding the Sale of \$2,295,000 G.O. Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B, to Bernardi Securities Incorporated/Northland Securities for a net cost of \$1,323,770.63 and a true interest rate of 4.0397%. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res. No. 60-08 Awarding the Sale of \$2,165,000 G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2008C**

The following bids were received for the G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2008C:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Net Interest Cost</u>	<u>True Interest Rate</u>
Northland Securities/ Bernardi Securities Incorporated	\$426,843.68	3.3824%
United Bankers Bank	\$440,285.00	3.4885%
Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC	\$447,796.23	3.5002%
UMB Bank, N.A.	\$443,478.48	3.5147%
UBS Securities LLC/ Cronin & Company, Inc.	\$452,523.13	3.5630%

Ms. Aho reported the G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2008C, will be used to acquire the Police Annex, Fire Station No. 2 and the North Mankato Taylor Library which are currently leased from the North Mankato Port Authority. Ms. Aho also reported the amount of the sale

was amended from \$2,165,000 to \$2,145,000. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 60-08 Awarding the Sale of \$2,145,000 G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2008C, to Northland Securities/Bernardi Securities Incorporated for the net cost of \$426,843.68 and a true interest rate of 3.3824%. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Res. No. 61-08 Relating to the Purchase by the City of Certain Facilities Leased from the North Mankato Port Authority Commission: The Defeasance of Port Authority Bonds**

Ms. Aho presented a resolution relating to the purchase by the City of certain facilities leased from the North Mankato Port Authority Commission and the defeasance of Port Authority Bonds. The resolution approves the agreement with the North Mankato Port Authority to apply the bond proceeds to defease the debt for the Police Annex, Fire Station No. 2 and the North Mankato Taylor Library. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 61-08 Relating to the Purchase by the City of Certain Facilities Leased from the North Mankato Port Authority Commission – The Defeasance of Port Authority Bonds. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Nicollet County Board Actions**

Administrator Sande reported a meeting was held on Friday, April 18, 2008 with representatives of Nicollet County, Belgrade Township and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to discuss how to proceed with the Highway 14/CSAH 41 interchange project stressing the importance of beginning the right-of-way acquisition. Staff will continue to work on this project and report to the Council as it proceeds. The Belgrade Township Board asked to meet with the City Council at their June 2, 2008 Council Workshop.

**Staff Reports**

**City Administrator**

**Res. No. 62-08 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Project No. 08-05ABCDEF, Howard Drive West Extension**

Administrator Sande reported Project No. 08-05ABCDEF, Howard Drive West Extension, will start at the Creative Company property and connect to the future Highway 14/CSAH 41 interchange. The bid opening will be scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 62-08 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Project No. 08-05ABCDEF, Howard Drive West Extension. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Recommendation for Statutory Limit for Tort Liability**

Finance Director Mork reported each year during the renewal process for the City's property/casualty insurance plan, the Council must decide if they wish to waive the limits on municipal tort liability that are established by statute as they have historically done. He noted the tort limits have been raised for this year to \$400,000 per claimant and an aggregate of \$1,200,000 per occurrence which is an increase from \$300,000 and \$1,000,000. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, not to waive the limits on municipal tort liability. Vote on the motion: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Update on Inflow & Infiltration**

Administrator Sande reported that some residents have been found to have inappropriate connections of their storm water to the sanitary sewer system. The City has notified these residents and the City Code allows for penalties of \$100 per month until the storm water has been reconnected to the proper point of discharge. He reported the Public Works Department uses the sewer camera to inspect for properties with storm water flows to the sanitary sewer.

**Schools and Conferences**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve actual and necessary expenses for the following school and conference:**

1. Public Works Congress & Exposition, New Orleans, August 17-20, for Street Superintendent.

**Vote on the motion: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**City Clerk****Parade Permit for North Mankato Fun Days Triathlon, 8-11 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008**

Clerk Gehrke presented an application for a parade permit for the North Mankato Fun Days Triathlon to be held from 8-11 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008. The North Mankato Police Chief has approved this application. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the parade permit for the North Mankato Fun Days Triathlon from 8-11 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008. Vote on the motion: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Large Group Permit for Mankato Clinic Company Picnic**

Clerk Gehrke presented a request from Mankato Clinic for a large group permit for their company picnic from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008 in Wheeler Park. They will be using a handheld microphone for bingo in a tent. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the large group permit for the Mankato Clinic company picnic in Wheeler Park from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008. Vote on the motion: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Finance Director****Res. No. 63-08 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges, 703 Park Avenue**

Finance Director Mork presented Resolution No. 63-08 for costs to be assessed in the amount of \$2,308.15 for curb box repair at 703 Park Avenue. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to adopt Resolution No. 63-08 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges at 703 Park Avenue. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Report from Council Members****Council Member Schindle****Minutes from April 17, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee Meeting**

Council Member Schindle reported the no parking request for a portion of the 1700 block of James Drive will be remedied by re-painting the curb yellow and that no action is needed by the City Council.

**Report from Mayor**

**Proclamation for Arbor Day – April 25, 2008**

Mayor Zellmer read the proclamation for Arbor Day, April 25, 2008, and encouraged North Mankato residents to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

**Consider Hard-Surfacing of Multi-Purpose Areas in Selected Parks**

The Mayor requested consideration of hard-surfacing of multi-purpose areas in selected parks for bikers, children with tricycles, rollerbladers, and other activities. This item was referred to a future Council Workshop.

The Mayor also requested the Highway 14/CSAH 41 interchange be discussed at a future Council Workshop.

**Open the Meeting to the Public for the Second Time**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for the second time with no one appearing.

**Bills and Appropriations**

Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve all bills and appropriations in the amount of \$280,578.81. Vote on the motion: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Norland. Vote on the motion: Norland, DeWitte, Schindle, Steiner and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk