

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Council Workshop of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on April 2, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. The following were present for the meeting: Council Members Schindle, Norland and DeWitte, Administrator Sande, Finance Director Mork and City Clerk Gehrke. Absent: Council Member Steiner. Mayor Zellmer arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Parkland Fees

Administrator Sande gave background information reporting many years ago the Council allocated a portion of building permit revenue to the Parkland Fund in lieu of parkland dedications. The amount of \$200 from each single-family or multi-family building unit is credited to the Parkland Fund. Cellular tower revenues in the amount of approximately \$26,000 per year and tax levies also support the Parkland Fund. Grants are sometimes available for funding trails. Administrator Sande noted if North Mankato is successful in obtaining the Local Option Sales Tax, improvements in the three regional parks will be funded with these dollars freeing up local money for improvements in neighborhood parks. Discussion was held on adjusting the building permit fees and increasing the amount transferred from building permit fees to the Parkland Fund. This item was referred to the 2008 Budget Workshop.

In response to a question regarding placement of fields and amenities in Mankato parks, Administrator Sande reported he would be meeting with Mankato representatives this week to discuss parks. Council Member Norland asked about fees for fields and reported she received an email from an individual stating Mankato has stopped charging for fields. Finance Director Mork reported North Mankato does not charge for the park program, but both Mankato and North Mankato are paid by the percentage of games played in each city. The Finance Director will research the amount of fees paid to each city and report back to the Council.

Annexation of Township/County Roads

Administrator Sande reported he has reviewed the annexation of township or county roads that would logically occur in a 20-year planning horizon. County State Aid Highway 41/Rockford Road was built as an urban section in the mid-1990s and is ready for annexation at any point that westward development indicates. County Road 6 was recently improved to a 10-ton all-weather design by Nicollet County and storm water management issues in this area will be addressed during the construction of the T.H. 14/CSAH 41 project. As the industrial park expands to the north and west, County Road 6 would be annexed to the City. Existing T.H. 14 from CSAH 41 to County Road 6 will become a frontage road after the four-lane expansion. As residential development occurs in this area, plans should include annexing this segment as the Pleasant View frontage road. Part of Township Road 121/512th has been annexed along the northerly boundary of The Landing North Phase I. As this subdivision develops, the segment of 512th from Lookout Drive to LorRay Drive will become the secondary access to this area.

Assessment Policy

This item was referred to the next Council Workshop.

Golf Carts on City Streets

Administrator Sande reported this item was considered at a previous Council meeting after a Nicollet County resident appeared before the Council and asked the Council to address the use of golf carts on City streets. Council Member DeWitte met with Jim Schmitz, 51416 LorRay Drive, and reported his golf cart does not have brake lights and turn signals and no proof of insurance.

Administrator Sande reported that allowing golf carts may also raise the question of allowing ATVs. Attorney Kennedy has researched the use of golf carts on City streets reporting Minnesota Statute 169.045 states “The governing body of any statutory city may by ordinance authorize the operation of motorized golf carts, or four-wheel all-terrain vehicles, on designated roadways or portions thereof under its jurisdiction. Authorization to operate a motorized golf cart or four-wheel all-terrain vehicle is by permit only.” Council Members DeWitte and Schindle voiced their opposition to the use of golf carts on City streets. Mayor Zellmer stated he would like to see some consideration for the use of golf carts for handicapped individuals and residents of the senior living facilities and asked that this item be discussed at a future Council Workshop.

MSA Map

Administrator Sande reported the City Engineer has updated the MSA map showing MSA streets, County State Aid Highways and Trunk Highways. The City currently has 4/10th of a mile of uncommitted MSA miles. The extension of Carlson Drive will require 6/10th of a mile to be designated as an MSA street; therefore, some portion of an MSA street will need to be turned back. Mayor Zellmer requested an addition to the map outlining which streets are available for turn back.

There being no further business, the Council Workshop was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk