

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 February 5, 2007. 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 Schindle, Steiner, Norland and DeWitte, City Administrator Sande, City Clerk Gehrke, Engineer Malm, Attorney Kennedy and Planner Fischer. Absent: Finance Director Mork.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of January 16, 2007 and the Council Workshop of January 16, 2007. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence

America's Promise Alliance Names Mankato/North Mankato One of 100 Best Communities for Young People

Mayor Zellmer referenced correspondence from America's Promise Alliance recognizing Mankato/North Mankato as one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People* and reported there is potential for another grant to provide opportunities for young people.

Open the Meeting to the Public for the First Time

Mark Dehen and Sara Brigger, Convention and Visitors Bureau

Mark Dehen, Chamber Representative to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Sara Brigger, Vice President of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, appeared before the Council and presented the Convention & Visitors Bureau Agreement for the period ending December 31, 2008. Specific changes to the Agreement include the CVB designating at least 50% of the collections from the City for tournament marketing and sales efforts and the CVB setting aside \$10,000 annually, effective October 1, 2007, to provide direct bid assistance to hotels other than the two downtown Mankato hotels. Additionally, one of the at-large members on the Board of Directors will represent a North Mankato business. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the Convention & Visitors Bureau Agreement for the period ending December 31, 2008. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 10-07 Making Appointment of Arlene Herzberg to the Greater Mankato Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to adopt Resolution No. 10-07 appointing Arlene Herzberg to a three-year term as an at-large member on the Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Nicollet County Board Actions

Administrator Sande reported the Nicollet County Board has appointed Bridgette Kennedy to fill the position of Auditor/Treasurer vacated by the death of Bob Bruns. The County is in the process of acquiring an additional 2.8 acres for Minnemishinona Falls. City staff met with the County Engineer to review the right-of-way plat for T.H. 14.

Staff Reports**City Planner****Final Plat of Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4, a Request from Steven and Kathleen Burnett**

Planner Fischer presented the final plat of Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 which consists of the extension of Raymond Drive to intersect with Pleasant View Drive, the addition of Raymond Court, eleven (11) new residential lots and an Outlot to be reserved for the expansion of Pleasant View Park. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat of Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4. Council Member Schindle stated he believes the agreement entered into with Steven and Kathleen Burnett is not in the best interest of the City. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to table the Final Plat of Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 to the February 20, 2007 Council Meeting. Vote on the motion: Schindle and DeWitte, aye; Steiner, Norland and Zellmer, nay. Motion failed. Mayor Zellmer moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the final plat of Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland and Zellmer, aye; Schindle and DeWitte, nay. Motion carried.**

Z-1-07, Request to Zone Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 as R-1, One-Family Dwelling

Planner Fischer presented a zoning request from Steven and Kathleen Burnett to zone Lots 1-7, Block 1, and Lots 1-4, Block 2, Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 as R-1, One-Family Dwelling and Outlot A as P-1, Public Park. The Planning Commission recommended approval of Z-1-07. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Ord. No. 9, Fourth Series, Zoning Lots 1-7, Block 1 and Lots 1-4, Block 2 as R-1, One-Family Dwelling and Outlot A as P-1, Public Park. Vote on the Ordinance: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 11-07 Adopting Residential Building Minimum Valuation Guidelines

Planner Fischer gave background information reporting in 2000 a resolution to provide for a yearly increase to building permit fees which was tied to the Consumer Price Index was adopted. Since this increase has not kept pace with the construction costs, it is recommended that valuation guidelines which are more representative of current construction costs be adopted. Mayor Zellmer asked that this item be reviewed at the first meeting of each year. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to adopt Resolution No. 11-07 Adopting Residential Building Minimum Valuation Guidelines. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Administrator**Res. No. 12-07 Approving Refuse Contract Extension with Hansen Sanitation**

Administrator Sande presented the proposed refuse and recycling contract extension with Hansen Sanitation reporting the current contract provides for a five-year extension of the agreement by mutual consent. Mr. Hansen has agreed to the five-year extension with the amount paid to the contractor for each enumerated service to be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index as measured from November to November. In addition, the customer count used to calculate the compensation is updated in December of each year. The customer count for the first contract year is 4,111 and when combined with the CPI adjustment, the revenue base to the contractor will increase by 3.74 percent over the previous year. Administrator Sande reported Hansen Sanitation continues to provide excellent service to the City of North Mankato and recommended the extension of the contract through December 31, 2011. **Council Member DeWitte moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-07 Approving Refuse Contract Extension with Hansen**

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

Res. No. 13-07 Naming Miracle League Field for Al and Erla Fallenstein

Administrator Sande reported discussions have been held during the past year with the Miracle League and Twins organizations to provide a rubberized hard surface ball field for the disabled on a one-acre parcel in Caswell Park donated by the City for this purpose. Because Al and Erla Fallenstein were long-time residents of the City of North Mankato and well known for their many contributions to community causes, it is appropriate to recognize them by naming the Miracle League Field in their memory. John Fallenstein, son of Al and Erla Fallenstein, appeared before the Council and expressed the appreciation of the Fallenstein Family and thanked the Council for honoring their parents by naming the Miracle League Field in their memory. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 13-07 Naming the Miracle League Field in North Mankato for Al and Erla Fallenstein. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Preliminary Report of 2006 Budget

Administrator Sande presented a preliminary report of the 2006 Budget. The General Fund has an estimated surplus for fiscal year 2006 of approximately \$139,000. Total General Fund Revenues amount to \$5,020,000 which is \$133,832 above budget. Higher than budgeted building permit fees, plan review fees and inspection fees accounted for the majority of the amount that revenues exceeded budget. General Fund Expenditures are estimated to be \$4,881,000 which is \$5,168 below budget. Fuel and utility costs exceeded budgeted expenditures, however, expenditures in other areas were limited so that the General Fund expenditures came in slightly under budget. The Mayor thanked City staff for their efforts for staying within the budget. Administrator Sande reported he would bring a recommendation to the next City Council meeting for allocation of the \$139,000.

Authorize Purchase of Equipment

One-Ton Truck with Box, Plow and Related Equipment

Administrator Sande presented a request for purchase of a Dodge BR3500 4X4 cab and chassis with selected options from Elk River Chrysler under the State Bid Contract #43684-1 from equipment certificates in the amount of \$20,482.08 including tax. Staff is also recommending the purchase of a dump body, hoist, plow and towing options from Crysteel Truck and Equipment for an additional \$12,543.97 including tax for a total price of \$33,026.05. A total of \$40,000 was budgeted for this unit. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the purchase of a Dodge BR3500 4X4 cab and chassis with selected options and the purchase of a dump body, hoist, plow and towing options for a total price of \$33,026.05. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Chipper

Administrator Sande presented a request for purchase of a Vermeer Model BC1500 Chipper from the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture Contract for a total price of \$34,792.49 including tax. This chipper is capable of chipping logs up to 15 inches in diameter. A total of \$40,000 was budgeted for this item. In response to a Council inquiry, the Administrator reported this is an additional chipper necessary because of the maturing trees in the hilltop. With the help of the Sentence to Serve crews from Nicollet County and the many uses for the woodchips, the brush program is very economical. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve**

the purchase of a Vermeer Model BC1500 Chipper for the total price of \$34,792.49. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Shuttles

Administrator Sande reported given our experience with the North American Fastpitch Association World Series tournament in August of 2005, we recognize the need for shuttle units at Caswell Park. The Senior Softball World Series is scheduled at Caswell from August 23-30, 2007 and the City also has a commitment from NAFA to bring the World Series back to Caswell Park in the summer of 2008. In addition, many other tournaments are hosted each year at Caswell Park and the shuttles could also be used for other events such as Fun Days. Administrator presented a request for purchase of two E-Z-GO Shuttle 4 Model gas operated units for a total price including sales tax and the addition of hydraulic front disc brakes, lights, an hour meter, hubcaps and a top assembly of \$19,380.88. The Council asked for a timetable of the delivery for the shuttles and a breakdown of the cost to host the NAFA tournament be brought before the Council at their February 20, 2007 Council meeting.

Res. No. 14-07 Supporting Statewide Smoke Free Workplace Legislation

Administrator Sande presented a joint resolution with Mankato in support of statewide smoke free workplace legislation. The Mayor spoke in favor of the legislation in order to give all businesses an equal playing field. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to adopt Resolution No. 14-07 Supporting Statewide Smoke Free Workplace Legislation. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland and Zellmer, aye; DeWitte, nay. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 15-07 Accepting Feasibility Report and Ordering Plans & Specifications for Project No. 06-07ABCDEF, Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 Improvements

Administrator Sande presented the feasibility report for Project No. 06-07ABCDEF, Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 Improvements. The project as proposed would consist of the construction of approximately 1,250 feet of street and utilities along Raymond Drive and Raymond Court at an estimated total project cost of \$613,514. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 15-07 Accepting Feasibility Report and Ordering Plans and Specifications for Project No. 06-07ABCDEF, Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 16-07 Accepting Feasibility Report and Setting Public Hearing for Project No. 06-04AB, Carlson Drive/Rockford Road Utility Extension and Project No. 06-08AB, Aspen Lane Lift Station and Force Main

Administrator Sande presented the feasibility report for Project No. 06-04AB, Carlson Drive/Rockford Road Utility Extension and Project No. 06-08AB, Aspen Lane Lift Station and Force Main at an estimated project cost of \$1,266,385. A public hearing is necessary because some property owners are not petitioning for the improvement since their properties are not yet annexed into the City. The Administrator reported he has talked with the property owners during the past couple of months. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 16-07 Accepting Feasibility Report and setting a public hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007 for Project No. 06-04AB, Carlson Drive/Rockford Road Utility Extension and Project No. 06-08AB, Aspen Lane Lift Station and Force Main. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 17-07 Authorizing Acquisition of Real Estate for Right-of-Way and Utility Easements

Administrator Sande reported Nicollet County and the City of North Mankato have identified the extension of County State Aid Highway 41, the interchange with T.H. 14 and the extension of Carlson Drive and Howard Drive to intersect with CSAH 41 as priority improvements along with certain utility improvements. The first phase of the required utility improvements are scheduled to begin during the 2007 construction season and federal funds may be available during 2008 to undertake the first stages of the roadway construction. The recording of the right-of-way plat is a necessary step in the overall project development and to accomplish this, staff is requesting authorization to enter into acquisition negotiations with the owners of real estate within the identified right-of-way corridors, to order appraisals of said parcels as necessary, and to negotiate required utility easements. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 17-07 Authorizing Acquisition of Real Estate for Right-of-Way and Utility Easements. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 18-07 Accepting Petition, Declaring Adequacy of Petition and Ordering Feasibility Report for Project No. 07-01ABCDEF, Sunset Ridge

Administrator Sande presented the petition for improvements signed by all the property owners for Project No. 07-01ABCDEF, Sunset Ridge, a preliminary plat of Sunset Ridge, and Resolution No. 18-07 Accepting Petition, Declaring Adequacy of Petition and Ordering Feasibility Report for Project No. 07-01ABCDEF, Sunset Ridge. During the platting process of Sunset Ridge the proposed park will be reviewed to determine the most appropriate size and location based on future area development. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 18-07 Accepting Petition, Declaring Adequacy of Petition and Ordering Feasibility Report for Project No. 07-01ABCDEF, Sunset Ridge. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 19-07 Ordering Feasibility Report on Water Tower No. 1 Replacement, Demolition of Current Tower, SCADA System Replacement, Water Tower No. 2 Modifications, Repainting and Internal Recoating, Project No. 07-02B

Administrator Sande reported the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan calls for the replacement of Water Tower No. 1 and modifications to Water Tower No. 2 including repainting and internal recoating in 2007 and 2008. The new water tower will be a duplicate of Water Tower No. 2 and after its completion the City will have 1,000,000 gallons of elevated water storage. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 19-07 Ordering Feasibility Report on Water Tower No. 1 Replacement, Demolition of Current Tower, SCADA System Replacement, Water Tower No. 2 Modifications, Repainting and Internal Recoating, Project No. 07-02B. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 20-07 Ordering Feasibility Report for Holding Facility at Marvin Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, Project No. 07-03A

Administrator Sande reported the holding facility at Marvin Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Lift Station is a capital improvement item for 2007 and will help prevent overflows into the Minnesota River. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to adopt Resolution No. 20-07 Ordering Feasibility Report for Holding Facility at Marvin Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, Project No. 07-03A. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Set Spring Cleanup for April 16-20 for Valley and April 23-27 for Hilltop

Administrator Sande presented a request to set the date for Spring Cleanup reporting the Easter weekend was considered when selecting the dates. The Public Works Director and Hansen Sanitation have been notified of these dates. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to set Spring Cleanup for April 16-20 for the valley and April 23-27 for the hilltop. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Set Water Main Flushing for April 2-6 and April 9-13

Administrator Sande reported water main flushing is done twice a year and the Public Works Department will do the flushing in the areas at a time that works best rather than scheduling one week for the valley and one week for the hilltop. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to set water main flushing for April 2-6 and April 9-13. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Reminder of U.S. Highway 14 Project Advisory Committee Meeting from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007

Administrator Sande presented the meeting notification for the U.S. Highway 14 Project Advisory Committee meeting from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007. Mayor Zellmer requested a staff member attend this meeting.

Schools and Conferences

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to approve actual and necessary expenses for the following schools and conferences:

1. 2007 MCFOA Conference, Alexandria, March 6-9, for City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.
2. Midwestern Electrical Seminar, Mankato, March 9, for Electricians.

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

City Clerk**Audio Permit for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk**

Clerk Gehrke presented a request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk to use an audio device at Wheeler Park on Saturday, May 5, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for the Great Strides Walk. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the request for use of an audio device by Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk in Wheeler Park on Saturday, May 5, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Parade Permit for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk

Clerk Gehrke presented an application for a parade permit for the Cystic Fibrosis to hold their Great Strides Walk from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007. The North Mankato Police Chief has approved this application. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the parade permit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Audio Permit for Arthritis Foundation North Central Chapter Walk

Clerk Gehrke presented a request from the Arthritis Foundation to use an audio device at Spring Lake Park on Saturday, May 5, 2006 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon for the Arthritis Foundation Fundraising Walk. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the request for use of an audio device by Arthritis Foundation Fundraising Walk in Spring Lake Park on Saturday, May 5, 2006 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Parade Permit for Arthritis Foundation Fundraising Walk

Clerk Gehrke presented an application for a parade permit for Arthritis Foundation North Central Chapter to hold their Fundraising Walk from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007. The North Mankato Police Chief has approved this application. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the parade permit for the Arthritis Foundation Fundraising Walk from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Parade Permit for North Mankato Fun Days Triathlon

Clerk Gehrke presented an application for a parade permit for Fun Days to hold the North Mankato Triathlon on Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 8-11 a.m. The North Mankato Police Chief has approved this application. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the parade permit for the North Mankato Fun Days Triathlon on Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 8-11 a.m. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Finance Director**Res. No. 21-07 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement – 618 Grant Avenue**

Administrator Sande presented the Consent Assessment Agreement for 618 Grant Avenue in the amount of \$3,280.64 for water and sewer service repair to be added to the property owner's assessment for the Cornelia/Grant project. This assessment will be for a ten-year period at 6.25% interest. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 21-07 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement for water and sewer service repair at 618 Grant Avenue. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 22-07 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement – 439 Webster Avenue

Administrator Sande presented the Consent Assessment Agreement for 439 Webster Avenue in the amount of \$690.00 for curb box repair at 439 Webster Avenue. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 22-07 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement for curb box repair at 439 Webster Avenue. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 23-07 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement – 439 Nicollet Avenue

Administrator Sande presented the Consent Assessment Agreement for 439 Nicollet Avenue in the amount of \$2,014.52 for outstanding utility bill at 439 Nicollet Avenue. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 23-07 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement for outstanding water bill at 439 Nicollet Avenue. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 24-07 Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Official Intent of the City under the Reimbursement Bond Regulations of the Internal Revenue Service for Project No. 06-07ABCDEF, Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 Improvements

Administrator Sande presented a reimbursement resolution for the following project:

Project No. 06-07ABCDEF, Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 Improvements

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 24-07 Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Official Intent under the Reimbursement Bond Regulations on Project No. 06-07ABCDEF, Burnett's Ravine Ridge No. 4 Improvements. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 25-07 Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Official Intent of the City under the Reimbursement Bond Regulations of the Internal Revenue Service for Project No. 06-04AB, Carlson Drive/Rockford Road Utility Extension, and Project No. 06-08AB, Aspen Lane Lift Station and Force Main

Administrator Sande presented a reimbursement resolution for the following projects:

Project No. 06-04AB, Carlson Drive/Rockford Road Utility Extension and
Project No. 06-08AB, Aspen Lane Lift Station and Force Main

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 25-07 Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Declaration of Official Intent under the Reimbursement Bond Regulations on Project No. 06-04AB, Carlson Drive/Rockford Road Utility Extension and Project No. 06-08AB, Aspen Lane Lift Station and Force Main. Vote on the Resolution: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members

Council Member Norland

Council Member Norland reported she received a telephone call from Tom Hagen requesting re-trees in the triangular area near the Sherman Street pumping station. Administrator Sande reported he would be discussing this with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Report from Mayor

Mayor Zellmer thanked the *Free Press* for their article about North Mankato boards and commissions reporting he has received 12 applications. The Mayor has contacted those members now serving who are up for re-appointment and once that process is complete, he will be contacting and appointing new members to the boards and commissions. This item will be brought before the February 20, 2007 Council meeting.

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 Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve all bills and appropriations in the amounts of \$290,508.96 and \$399,223.86. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Norland. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk