

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 1, 2010. 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, Finance Director Mork, City Clerk Gehrke, Attorney Kennedy, Engineer Malm and Planner Fischer.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of January 19, 2010. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; Norland abstained; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence – none.**

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

#### **Kim Spears, 916 South Avenue**

Kim Spears, 916 South Avenue, appeared before the Council asking the amount of revenue the 3.00% increase to the tax levy generates. Administrator Sande reported the 3.00% tax levy increase will generate \$140,075.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **City Administrator**

#### **2009 Police Department Annual Report**

Police Chief Boyer appeared before the Council and recapped the North Mankato Police Department 2009 Annual Report. He reported a total of 400 calls less in 2009 than in 2008. Because seatbelt violations became a primary offense as of June 9, 2009, citations for this offense were 99 in 2009 from 29 in 2008. Chief Boyer reported the North Mankato Police Reserve worked a total of 1,103 hours in 2009 which saved many hours of overtime in the Police Department. Copies of the report will be available at the City Offices or the North Mankato Taylor Library. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the 2009 Police Department Annual Report and place it on file. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Authorize Purchase of Police Vehicle**

Administrator Sande presented a request for purchase of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria from Mankato Ford for the Police Department for the purchase price of \$22,191. He reported this is a budgeted item in 2010 from Equipment Certificates of Indebtedness. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to authorize the purchase of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria from Mankato Ford for the Police Department at a purchase price of \$22,191. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Report on Library Grand Re-Opening**

Administrator Sande reported over 600 people were in attendance at the Grand Re-Opening of the North Mankato Taylor Library on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Administrator Sande thanked the North Mankato Civic & Commerce Association for sponsoring the Grand Re-Opening of the library and Xcel Energy for their donation of compact fluorescent bulbs which were given to the first 350 families attending the Grand Re-Opening. He reported several door prize winners have sent thank-you notes to the City. Council Member Schindle stated the North Mankato Taylor Library is definitely a

regional library. Administrator Sande thanked the library staff and the City Hall staff for working this event.

### **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. 2010 MCFOA Conference, St. Cloud, March 16-19 for City Clerk and Deputy Clerk.
2. IDIS Online Training for CBDG State & Entitlement Communities, Minneapolis, May 4-5, for Finance Director.
3. 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Homeland Security & Emergency Management Conference, St. Paul, March 16-18, for Emergency Management Director.
4. MRWA Technical Conference, St. Cloud, March 2-4, for Public Works Director.

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

### **Audio and Large Group Permit for True Value Picnic, Spring Lake Park, Saturday, August 7, 2010**

Clerk Gehrke presented a request from True Value for an audio and large group permit to hold their company picnic at Spring Lake Park from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2010. She reported the audio device is a small speaker to call bingo from 12 noon to 3 p.m. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve the audio and large group permit for the True Value Picnic at Spring Lake Park from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2010. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Audio and Large Group Permit for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Wheeler Park, Saturday, May 1, 2010**

Clerk Gehrke presented a request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for an audio and large group permit at Wheeler Park from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 1, 2010. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to approve the audio and large group permit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at Wheeler Park from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Parade Permit for Cystic Fibrosis Annual Walk, Saturday, May 1, 2010**

Clerk Gehrke presented an application for a parade permit for the Cystic Fibrosis Annual Walk to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 1, 2010. 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 Cystic Fibrosis Annual Walk from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Finance Director**

**Res. No. 14-10 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges – Prairieland Homes, Inc. Properties**

Finance Director Mork presented Resolution No. 14-10 for costs to be assessed in the amount of \$900.00 for mowing at properties in the Klingel Subdivision owned by Prairieland Homes, Inc. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to adopt Resolution No. 14-10 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges for properties owned by Prairieland Homes, Inc. 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 has received phone calls and emails from concerned property owners regarding Xcel Energy clearing trees under their electrical lines in the Mary Circle area. She reported that after some research, this Xcel Energy easement has been in place since 1938. Administrator Sande reported he has spoken with Xcel Energy representatives and their program to replace trees removed is no longer in place.

**Council Member Steiner**

Council Member Steiner reported 2009 circulation at the North Mankato Taylor Library reached 193,185, compared to 180,554 for 2009. The 2009 bookmobile circulation reached 27,764 compared to a previous high of 25,010.

**Report from Mayor**

The Mayor reported that he along with the City Planner and City Engineer attended the MATAPS meeting on February 1, 2010. Copies of the Mankato Area Transportation and Planning Study are available at [www.mataps.com](http://www.mataps.com).

The Mayor reported he along with the City Administrator attended the South Central College accreditation meeting. They met with the accreditation team and Chancellor and discussed the importance of South Central College to this area.

The Mayor reported he was unable to access the City of North Mankato web page from Mankato's web page and asked City staff to contact Mankato about creating a link to the North Mankato web page.

The Mayor asked City staff to reposition the lights at King Arthur Park so they light the skating rink. He also reported it is difficult to turn the lights on because of the snow piles. Administrator Sande reported an additional skating rink is available this year on the Marigold site.

The Mayor commended City staff for their work in cutting back the snow banks at the corners. He asked that residents notify City staff if they have any problem with City snow removal.

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

**Kim Spears, 916 South Avenue**

Kim Spears, 916 South Avenue, appeared before the Council for the second time and asked about the City's portion of the funding for the North Ridge Ravine Project and the T.H. 14 Trail Project. Administrator Sande reported that if these projects are accepted as part of the ATP Five-Year

Plan – 2011-2014, the City’s portion of the projects will be funded from the City’s share of the state gas tax dollars.

**Bills and Appropriations**

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve all bills and appropriations in the amounts of \$15,675.21 and \$265,202.71. 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 7:38 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member DeWitte. Vote on the motion: Schindle, Steiner, Norland, DeWitte and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk