

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 September 20, 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 DeWitte, Schindle and Norland, City Administrator Sande, Deputy City Clerk Peterson, Finance Director Mork, Engineer Malm, Attorney Kennedy and Planner Fischer. Absent: Council Member Steiner and City Clerk Gehrke.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve the minutes of the Council workshop and Council meeting of September 7, 2010. Vote on the motion: DeWitte, Schindle, Norland and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter from Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Mayor Zellmer read correspondence from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities stating their focus for the upcoming year.

Thank-You from Senator Franken

Mayor Zellmer read a thank-you letter from Senator Franken for the work he has done on the Highway 14 project and the tour he gave him of the project.

Letter from Citizen

Mayor Zellmer read correspondence from a citizen regarding posted speed limits on LorRay Drive between Carlson Drive and Howard Drive.

Open the Meeting to the Public for the First Time

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

Nicollet County Board Actions

Nicollet County set their initial levy at 4 percent. Mayor Zellmer requested a meeting with Nicollet County and the City of St. Peter regarding joint cooperation.

Staff Reports

City Planner

Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting

The Council accepted the minutes of the September 9, 2010 Planning Commission meeting.

Preliminary and Final Plat of Coventry Heights No. 2, a request from Paul Seykora

Planner Fischer presented the preliminary and final plat of Coventry Heights No. 2, a request from Paul Seykora to replat Lot 15, Block 1, Outlots F and G of Coventry Heights and Part of Government Lot 8. The applicant has recently acquired a 2.5-acre parcel of land that had a blighted structure which was recently used by the North Mankato Fire Department, the Mankato Fire Department and South Central College for firefighting training purposes. After removal of the structure, the applicant is proposing to replat the vacant property together with Lot 15, Block 1 and Outlots F and G of Coventry Heights. The land will be replatted to create Coventry Heights No. 2. Coventry Heights No. 2 is a 3-lot residential subdivision including 3 Outlots. Outlots A and C would be dedicated to the City as ravine property and Outlot B, which is a non-ravine property, would be owned by the applicant. In anticipation of the replatting of this property, water and sewer services

were installed in Howard Court. The Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary and final plat of Coventry Heights No. 2 and recommended approval. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve the preliminary and final plat of Coventry Heights No. 2. Vote on the motion: DeWitte, Schindle, Norland and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Administrator

Res. No. 60-10 Approving Amendment to Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement No. 97101

Administrator Sande presented Res. No. 60-10 Approving Amendment to Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement No. 97101 between the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and the City of North Mankato for Federal Participation in Advance Construction for S.P. 150-020-05, 150-254-02, 150-080-30 and 52-641-10; M.P. STPX 5210(225). He stated the amendments are technical changes on dates for federal aid to the project. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to adopt Resolution No. 60-10 Approving Amendment to Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement No. 97101. Vote on the Resolution: DeWitte, Schindle, Norland and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

School and Conference

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

1. Missing Persons Training, St. Paul, October 19, for Police Lieutenant and Police Detective.

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

City Clerk

Res. No. 61-10 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church

Deputy Clerk Peterson presented an application for exemption from lawful gambling for Holy Rosary Church, 546 Grant Avenue, to conduct raffles on November 11, 2010. **Council Member DeWitte moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 61-10 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church to conduct raffles on November 11, 2010. Vote on the Resolution: DeWitte, Schindle, Norland and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Engineer

Engineer Malm reported work on the CSAH 41 Trail Project continues. Block is being laid for the retaining wall. Once the retaining wall is up, grading will take place for the trail.

Report from Council Members

Council Member Schindle

Council Member Schindle inquired about the history of North Mankato's bond accounts. He also requested a summary of the sales tax fund.

Council Member Norland

Council Member Norland thanked Mark Fischenich for the positive report of the Park and Green Spaces community meetings held on September 14 and 16, 2010. She also complimented Mr. Fischenich on the special report for Highway 14.

Report from Mayor

Mayor Zellmer stated some local mayors are meeting with their local newspapers to go over candidate issues for Governor. The focus of this effort is transportation funding. Highway 14 funding should be a priority. Mayor Zellmer has been working on Highway 14 for the past six years and he hopes after the election Highway 14 will stay a priority for all elected officials.

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 Norland moved, seconded by Council Member DeWitte, to approve all bills and appropriations in the amount of \$211,541.79. Vote on the motion: DeWitte, Schindle, Norland and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member DeWitte. Vote on the motion: DeWitte, Schindle, Norland and Zellmer, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk