

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 December 5, 2011. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The following were present for the meeting: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Schindle, Freyberg, Steiner and Norland, Administrator Sande, Finance Director Thorne, and Deputy City Clerk Peterson. Absent: City Clerk Gehrke.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2012-2016

Administrator Sande presented the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2012-2016 reporting the total estimated cost for all expenditures for this five-year period is \$40,700,475, which includes the CSAH 41/T.H. 14 Interchange Project.

Administrator Sande recapped the memo regarding the Plan indicating a pickup for the inspection department has been deleted. A chip spreader in the street department has been added to be purchased jointly with Nicollet County. The proposed construction of the south restroom facility in Spring Lake Park has been moved up to 2012. The proposed picnic shelter in 2012 has been deleted but the picnic shelters in 2013 and beyond have been retained for the purposes of discussion. The 2011 tax levy was reduced by the elimination of a \$69,000 levy to support an issue of equipment certificates. The items proposed for that issue are carried forward and staff will be asking the Council to consider the issuance of equipment certificates in the late fall of 2012 for the purchase of that equipment. The actual items to be purchased and the total amount of the proposed issue would be determined in the budget discussions in the fall of 2012.

Administrator Sande reviewed other projects proposed for the Five-Year CIP including replacement of exterior doors scheduled for 2013 in the Municipal Building due to ADA requirements and remodeling of the Community Room and lower level restrooms of the Municipal Building over a two-year period beginning in 2013. Replacement of the Street Department roof is scheduled for 2012. Construction of Well No. 5 building and vehicle storage on South Avenue is scheduled for 2013. A heated storage building is proposed for construction in 2015 to be located near the Public Works building on Webster Avenue to house non-emergency equipment. Renovation of the heating and air conditioning system at the Municipal Building is scheduled for 2016. Administrator Sande noted an analysis was done of the Municipal Building to see if three small heating/air conditioning units would work versus the one large unit. Due to the design of the Municipal Building the structure would be compromised if three units were installed.

Replacement of office furnishings and equipment is scheduled for 2013-2016 in the Administration and Finance Departments. Replacement of staff vehicles is scheduled for 2013 and 2015.

Equipment in the Police Department includes new patrol vehicles in 2012-2016, 15 portable radios in 2012, office computers and software in 2013, four radar units in 2013 and a marked 4WD squad in 2013. It also includes an upgrade of the records management system in 2014. The Council directed staff to look into the possibility of coordinating the records management system with Nicollet County and Mankato.

Equipment for the Fire Department includes SCBA Air Packs in 2012, fire apparatus in 2016 and an ATV with miniature pumping unit for use in ravines and ditches for 2016.

Equipment in the Inspection Department includes miscellaneous equipment upgrades in 2012-2016 and GIS-SPS equipment and software in 2014.

Equipment for Civil Defense includes new civil defense sirens in 2014 and 2016, update of all sirens in 2012-2016, running standby power from Water Plant No. 2 to Fire Station No. 2 in 2013 and replacing the emergency generator in the Municipal Building in 2015. Council Member Freyberg asked why we would replace the generator in the Municipal Building when it is used very little and tested and maintained. Administrator Sande stated it is a diesel generator and there are more efficient generators available. Administrator Sande also stated we could continue to utilize this generator until parts are no longer available to fix it. Mayor Dehen inquired whether the generator at the Police Annex could be linked to the Municipal Building. Administrator Sande stated the Police Annex generator is not large enough to run both buildings.

Equipment in the Street Department includes purchase of a shop truck with utility box in 2013, two one-ton trucks with box in 2012, a street sweeper in 2015, pickups in 2012 and 2013, a tractor backhoe in 2013, a loader in 2015, update of the oil distributor in 2013 and a used paver in 2013. A chip spreader will be purchased in 2012 as a shared piece of equipment with Nicollet County.

Equipment in the Park Department includes mowers in 2013 and 2015, a pickup in 2013, a field groomer in 2012 and a one-ton truck with box and lift gate in 2016.

Equipment in the Library includes computer equipment in 2013-2016. Administrator Sande noted with the high usage of the public computers at the Library replacement computers are needed every year.

Equipment in the Water, Sewer, Sanitation and Storm Sewer Departments includes new pickups in 2012, 2013 and 2015, a portable generator in 2015 to take to the lift stations on a trailer, recycling equipment in 2012-2016, a baler for the recycling center in 2012, a rolling cradle video inspection transport to keep the camera upright in 2012 and a one-ton truck with a crane in 2016. Council Member Schindle inquired about bidding out the operations of the Recycling Center to privatize the operations. Administrator Sande stated this could be done with specifications of hours, revenues, operations and other items.

Improvements to the park include park construction and beautification from 2012-2016 to include playground equipment, upgrade of picnic tables, trash containers, grills and other park items in the parks, the construction of fields 7 and 8 at Caswell Park, the construction of the Caswell North Soccer Complex and purchase of 5 acres of land by Caswell Park in 2013. Council Member Schindle stated he would like to see the construction of fields 7 and 8 at Caswell Park put on hold to put the sales tax dollars toward other items such as a multi-use facility to include a competition-size swimming pool, a running/walking track, sheet of ice or basketball courts and something for seniors in the community to utilize. Council Member Schindle stated he does not want the City to issue any sales tax bonds until more research is done on a multi-use facility and the costs associated with it. Proposed improvements to Benson Park include a pavilion/restroom, additional parking and trees, trails and berms. If a legacy grant would be obtained for Benson Park the match for the grant would be ten percent. Administrator Sande reported the last payment on the Contract for Deed for Benson Park land is in the first quarter of 2012. Improvements to Spring Lake Park include parking improvements scheduled for 2013, construction of the south restrooms in 2012, and other improvements in 2014 and 2015. Resurfacing of tennis courts is scheduled for 2013 and 2015. The asphalt trail on Lee

Boulevard Hill is scheduled for 2013. The Highway 14 trail from LorRay Drive to Lake Street is scheduled for 2014. Renovation of the band shell at Wheeler Park is scheduled for 2013 and picnic shelters in neighborhood parks are scheduled for 2013-2015.

Street improvements include the construction of the Reserve 2 in 2015 and 2016, Aspen Lane to Rockford Road in 2015 and 2016 and the Rockford Road Extension/CSAH 41 and Highway 14 Interchange including right-of-way in 2012 and 2013.

Replacement of caulking on the concrete dike is scheduled for 2016 for flood control.

Water improvements include pull and repair Well No. 6 (Water Plant No. 1) in 2014 and pull and repair Well No. 7 (Water Plant No. 2) in 2016. Recoating of the 500K water tower interior and exterior is scheduled for 2012. Construction of Well No. 9 and the upper system to lower system bypass are scheduled for 2013. Removal of the 100K water tower is scheduled for 2012. This tower has been listed for sale online but no interested parties have come forward.

Sewer improvements include replacement of the controls at the main lift station in 2014 and the Roe Crest/Noretta/Old Belgrade Hill rehabilitation in 2013. Council Member Norland noted the Park Committee would like to see a trail in this area when this rehabilitation is completed.

Storm Sewer Improvements include James Drive/Candi Lane/Meyer Court Storm Sewer in 2013, pulling pumps and inspecting at each corps station in 2015, Nottingham Drive from Ivanhoe Court to Normandy Drive rehabilitation in 2014, North Ridge ravine complex rehabilitation 2013-2015, Carol Court/Marvin Boulevard to the Minnesota River rehabilitation in 2015 and Roe Crest/Noretta/Old Belgrade Hill rehabilitation in 2013.

Infrastructure rehabilitation includes mill and overlay of Belgrade Avenue in 2015, Cliff Court rehabilitation in 2013, Roe Crest Drive from Lee Boulevard to Marie Lane in 2014, Sunrise Drive in 2014, complete reconstruct of the 300 blocks of Harrison, Tyler and Jefferson and the 300-400 blocks of Monroe Avenue in 2015, McKinley Avenue from Range Street to Sherman Street and Cross Street from Tyler Avenue to Webster Avenue in 2016, Garfield Avenue from Range Street to Center Street in 2014, Sherman Street from Garfield Avenue to Belgrade Avenue and Park Avenue from Sherman Street to Lake Street in 2015 and Garfield from Center Street to Lake Street in 2016.

A public hearing for the 2012-2016 Five-Year CIP will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2011.

Council Members agreed to modify the plan to include a multi-purpose community facility. Staff should research the costs with I & S Engineers, cities that currently have multi-purpose community facilities and look into a public/private cooperation for the facility.

There being no further business, the Council Workshop was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk