

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on October 17, 2011. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for the meeting, Mayor Dehen, Council Members Freyberg, Steiner, Norland and Schindle, Administrator Sande, Finance Director Thorne, Engineer Malm, Planner Fischer and City Clerk Gehrke. Absent: City Attorney Kennedy.

Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Schindle, to approve the revised minutes of the Council meeting of September 26, 2011, the minutes of the Council meeting of October 3, 2011 and the Council Workshop of October 3, 2011. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Public Meeting to Discuss North Mankato Post Office

The Mayor reminded residents of the public meeting to be held at the South Central College Conference Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 to discuss the future of the North Mankato Post Office. He also encouraged all residents who received the survey regarding the North Mankato Post Office to complete and return the survey.

Public Hearing, 7 p.m. – Modification of Industrial Development District No. 1

The Mayor opened the public hearing to consider the modification of Industrial Development District No. 1. Administrator Sande reported it is necessary to modify Industrial Development District No. 1 to include the T.H. 14/CSAH 41 Interchange Project due to Port Authority G.O. Bonding for the project. Kim Spears, 916 South Avenue, appeared before the Council and asked if the City owns the property and which condition under Sec. 2 of the resolution this modification falls under. Administrator Sande reported the land is to be used as a public right-of-way. Mayor Dehen reported this matter was considered and unanimously approved by the Port Authority Commission at their October 17, 2011 meeting and they are recommending this to the City Council for adoption. With no one else appearing before the Council, the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

Res. No. 58-11 Modifying Industrial Development District No. 1 and Adopting a Development Program for Said Industrial Development District

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 58-11 Modifying Industrial Development District No. 1 and Adopting a Development Program for Said Industrial Development District. Vote on the Resolution: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Open the Meeting to the Public for the First Time

Kim Spears, 916 South Avenue

Kim Spears, 916 South Avenue, appeared before the Council with questions about the variance for the directional signs at Ziegler Caterpillar. Council Member Schindle reported the Planning Commission discussed amending that part of the Sign Code. Mr. Spears also stated he was unclear how the \$3,215,000 G.O. Bond will be used. Administrator Sande reported the \$3,215,000 G.O. Bond will be used to pay the local portion of the T.H. 14/CSAH 41 Interchange Project. The local portion of the project is \$6 million which will be split between the City and Nicollet County with one half of the G.O.

Bond repaid from dedicated sales tax dollars and the balance from a tax levy spread amongst all citizens of North Mankato.

Bess Tsaouse, 136 Mary Circle

Bess Tsaouse, 136 Mary Circle, appeared before the Council and commented on the improvements of the City's website and asked for Mr. Freyberg's suggestions on budget cuts to be posted on the website.

Kyle Sandmann, 1584 Commerce Drive

Kyle Sandmann, 1584 Commerce Drive, appeared before the Council and asked what the schedule was for completion of the soccer fields. Administrator Sande reported planning of the soccer fields is underway with a proposed spring bid letting.

Susan Weinberger, 23479 610th Avenue, Madison Lake

Susan Weinberger, 23479 610th Avenue, Madison Lake, appeared before the Council and invited them to a forum on January 8, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The purpose of the forum is to get input about ways BLC can help the community. She reported that Mankato Mayor Anderson and other members of the Mankato Council have been invited to attend. She will send an email to confirm this invitation closer to the event.

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and asked the cost of the proposed soccer fields. Administrator Sande reported the cost of soccer fields is estimated to be \$1 million and will be funded with sales tax dollars.

Roy Haefner, 928 Range Street

Roy Haefner, 928 Range Street, appeared before the Council and asked for clarification of the proposed street lighting fee and if only those residents with a street light on their property would be assessed. Administrator Sande reported the street lighting fee proposal was for budget discussion purposes and if a fee was implemented, the proposal is a fixed fee for all residential properties and a fee per acre for commercial/industrial properties.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:

1. Audio and Large Group Permit for Crossview Covenant Church Picnic, Spring Lake Park, Sunday, September 9, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2. Res. No. 59-11 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church, 546 Grant Avenue.

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

Staff Reports

City Planner

Minutes of October 13, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting

The Council accepted the minutes of the October 13, 2011 Planning Commission meeting.

V-1-11, Variance Request to Increase the Maximum Size of two Directional Signs, 2145 Howard Drive West

Planner Fischer presented a variance request from Ziegler Caterpillar to increase the maximum size of two directional signs from 2 sq. ft. To 25.65 sq. ft. at 2145 Howard Drive West. He reported Ziegler Caterpillar is constructing two buildings on approximately 20 acres in the Northport Industrial Park. Their proposed signage plan conforms to the City Sign Ordinance with the exception of the proposed directional signs based on their size. The Planning Commission reviewed this variance request and recommended approval. Council Member Schindle reported discussion was held about amending the City Sign Ordinance as it relates to the size of directional signs. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve V-1-11, a variance request to increase the maximum size of two directional signs for Ziegler Caterpillar, 2145 Howard Drive West. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Schindle and Dehen, aye; Norland voted nay because of the large increase in directional signage. Motion carried.**

Industrial Development District No. 1 Modification

Planner Fischer reported the Planning Commission reviewed the request to modify Industrial Development District No. 1 to include the right-of-way for the T.H. 14/CSAH 41 Interchange Project and adopted a resolution finding the Industrial Development District No.1 modification conforms to City plans for development of the locality as a whole.

City Administrator**Ord. No. 41, Fourth Series, Authorizing the North Mankato Port Authority Commission to Issue G.O. Bonds and the Pledge of the City's Full Faith, Credit and Resources of the City of North Mankato for the Security and Payment Thereof (Series 2011A)**

Administrator Sande reported as part of the issuance of Series 2011A general obligation bonds to support the trunk highway project, it is necessary for the Council to adopt Ord. No. 41, Fourth Series Authorizing the North Mankato Port Authority Commission to issue G.O. Bonds and the pledge of the City's full faith, credit and resources of the City of North Mankato for the security and payment thereof. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Ord. No. 41, Fourth Series. Vote on the Ordinance: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Ord. No. 42, Fourth Series, Authorizing the North Mankato Port Authority Commission to Issue G.O. Bonds and the Pledge of the City's Full Faith, Credit and Resources of the City of North Mankato for the Security and Payment Thereof (Series 2011B)

Administrator Sande reported as part of the issuance of Series 2011B taxable general obligation bonds for the 422 Belgrade Avenue Project, it is necessary for the Council to adopt Ord. No. 42, Fourth Series Authorizing the North Mankato Port Authority Commission to issue G.O. Bonds and the pledge of the City's full faith, credit and resources of the City of North Mankato for the security and payment thereof. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Ord. No. 42, Fourth Series. Vote on the Ordinance: Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; Freyberg nay; motion carried.**

Approve Quotation for Maintenance of Well No. 8

Administrator Sande presented the recommendation of the Public Works Director to award the low quote of \$61,675 from Their Well Drilling Company for the inspection and periodic maintenance of Well No. 8. The Administrator reported this is an approved item in the 2011 Budget. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve awarding the quotation in the amount of \$61,675 to Their Well Drilling for the inspection and maintenance of**

Well No. 8. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Award Proposal for Wetland Bank Seeding

City Engineer Malm presented a recommendation for seeding of the wetland adjacent to the CSAH 41/Carlson Drive Project. He reported it is necessary to seed the wetland with appropriate plantings and to provide for continuing maintenance over a five-year period. At the end of the five-year establishment period, the City should obtain wetland credits estimated to be from \$147,420 to \$420,000 dependent upon the sale price of the credits applicable at that date. The Engineer reported two quotations were received for the wetland bank seeding, one from Apex Companies in the amount of \$118,913 and one from Prairie Restorations in the amount of \$63,466. In response to a question about the large difference in quotes, Engineer Malm reported Apex Companies is from Des Moines and Prairie Restoration is a local company. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to award the quotation in the amount of \$63,466 for the wetland bank seeding to Prairie Restorations. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 60-11 Approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of North Mankato on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department

City Administrator Sande presented a request from the Police Chief for approval of the Joint Powers Agreement necessary to provide access to the State's Criminal Justice Data Communications Network. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 60-11 Approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of North Mankato on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. Vote on the Resolution: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

2011 Minnesota Bicycle Tourism Summit

Administrator Sande reported staff will be representing the City at the 2011 Minnesota Bicycle Tourism Summit on November 3, 2011. He reviewed the planned trails including the extension of Carlson Drive through the industrial park, the extension of CSAH 41 connecting to the trail along Rockford Road, and a possible extension of a trail from LorRay Drive to Highway 169 and a possible trail along the Minnesota River from Mankato to St. Peter.

Set Public Hearing for 2012 Budget for 7 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to set a public hearing for the 2012 Budget for 7 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2012-2016 for 7 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2011

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to set a public hearing for the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2012-2016 for 7 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2011. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

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. Prescription Drug Crimes, St. Paul, December 1, for one Patrol Officer.
2. Explosives Recognition, BCA St. Paul, November 1, for Police Chief.

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

Finance Director

Res. No. 61-11 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges, Exhibit A

Finance Director Thorne presented Resolution No. 61-11 for costs to be assessed in the amount of \$6,375 for lawn mowing at properties on Kodiak Drive and Fairbanks Drive as listed on Exhibit A. **Council Member Schindle moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 61-11 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges for properties on Kodiak Drive and Fairbanks Drive as listed on Exhibit A. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Report from Council Members

Council Member Schindle

Council Member Schindle reported I & S Group held a meeting regarding sports facilities for the Mankato/North Mankato area and no one from the City of North Mankato was in attendance. Administrator Sande reported staff received notice of the meeting the day before the meeting was scheduled and because of other commitments was unable to attend. Council Member Schindle reported representatives from the All Seasons Arena Board will be attending the next I & S Group meeting.

Report from Mayor

Proclamation for November 2011 to be American Diabetes Month in North Mankato

Mayor Dehen read a proclamation naming November 2011 to be American Diabetes Month in North Mankato.

Open the Meeting to the Public for the Second Time

Jacobus Berghoefer, 2214 Northridge Drive

Jacobus Berghoefer, 2214 Northridge Drive, appeared before the Council to obtain additional information about the project at 422 Belgrade Avenue. Administrator Sande reported six businesses will be located on the main floor with seven apartments in the new second story of the building.

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and thanked the young people for coming to the Council meeting.

Kyle Sandmann, 1584 Commerce Drive

Kyle Sandmann, 1584 Commerce Drive, appeared before the Council and asked what has held up the building of the soccer fields. Administrator Sande reported that preliminary drawings have been completed and a bid letting is expected in March or April 2012. He reported that stockpiled material at Benson Park will be available in the spring to level the soccer fields.

Bills and Appropriations

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve all bills and appropriations in the amount of \$311,504.56. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk