

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 January 22, 2013. Mayor Dehen 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 Dehen, Council Members Norland, Spears and Steiner, Interim City Administrator Fischer, City Clerk Gehrke, Finance Director Thorne, Engineer Malm and Attorney Kennedy. Absent: Council Member Freyberg.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of January 7, 2013 and the Special Council meeting of January 14, 2013. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter from Don and Joanne Kvasnicka

The Mayor read a letter from Don and Joanne Kvasnicka regarding the Sibley Park Holiday Lights asking the City of North Mankato to support the extension of lights to the entry way from the Highway 169 turnoff and the roadway along the Minnesota River to create even more interest and attract more visitors.

Letter from Governor Mark Dayton

The Mayor read a letter from Governor Mark Dayton which in part stated on March 27, 2012, the Census Bureau identified the Mankato area as an urbanized area with a population of 57,584 and the local governments within the Mankato urbanized area have now adopted a Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MPO). With that agreement, he has designated the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization as the MPO for the Mankato urbanized area.

U.S. Highway 14 Partnership

The Mayor presented a notice from the U.S. Highway 14 Partnership that at their 2013 Annual Membership meeting, the U.S. Highway 14 Partnership voted to increase local government membership dues by \$100, increasing the City of North Mankato assessment to \$1,825 for 2013. The Mayor will address this under his portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing, 7 p.m. – Amending Code of Ordinances

Mayor Dehen opened the public hearing to consider amending the Code of Ordinances. A notice of public hearing was published in the official newspaper and the Affidavit of Publication was included in the Council packet. Interim Administrator Fischer reported the Code of Ordinances was completely recodified in 2007 and an annual update is done at the end of each year to keep the Code of Ordinances current. He presented a summary of the changes (Exhibit A) during 2012 noting all ordinances adopted by the Council during 2012 are included in the amendments to the Code of Ordinances. He reported that based on a review of 2012's activity, staff has developed the recommended changes as outlined in Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 48, Fourth Series. Regarding Section

52.01 Connection with City Water System, Council Member Spears questioned changing the service connection requirement from 8 years to 1 year. Construction Inspector Tostenson presented the required changes for Section 54, Storm Water Regulations. He reported the City of North Mankato is a regulated MS4 community and has been issued a permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for monitoring and maintaining water quality in its MS4. As part of the necessary action to maintain this permit, the City must adopt Section 54.12 regarding prohibition of illicit discharge and Section 54.13 regarding prohibition of connection to the sanitary sewer for conveyance or discharges of harmful quantity of pollutant to the MS4 or allowing such a connection to continue. Council Member Spears asked who would be regulating this section of the Code. Construction Inspector Tostenson reported this is regulated by the MPCA and that an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) specialist conducts the inspections. Chief Boyer presented Section 73.09 Specialized Vehicles: Utility-Terrain Vehicles and Mini-Trucks reporting the City of Mankato has requested this change to the City Code to allow them to drive their mini-truck through North Mankato to get to Hiniker Pond. Chief Boyer reported this section of the Code matches the City of Mankato's code with the exception there is not a permit or fee required for the operation of a utility terrain vehicle or mini-truck. Council Member Spears referenced the changes to Section 156.035 as it pertains to garage and yard sales and stated that a community does not need a law or action for every problem and that every law which is passed is another grain of sand through the hourglass of our remaining freedom. With no one else appearing before the Council the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting. Attorney Kennedy recommended that a separate vote be held for each proposed amendment to the City Code.

Ord. No. 48, Fourth Series, Amending Code of Ordinances

Council Member Spears moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Section 11.01 Precinct Boundaries. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Spears moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Section 52.01 Connection with City Water System. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Section 54.05 Purpose, Scope and Definitions. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Section 54.12 Illicit Discharge Prohibited. Vote on the motion: Norland, Steiner and Dehen, aye; Spears nay. Motion carried.

Council Member Spears moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Section 54.13 Connection to Sanitary Sewer Prohibited. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Spears moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Section 54.14 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Section 73.09 Specialized Vehicles: Utility-Terrain Vehicles and Mini-Trucks. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen; aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Section 111.208 Lawful Gambling. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Section 156.035 (MM) Garage and Yard Sales. Vote on the motion: Norland, Steiner and Dehen, aye; Spears nay. Motion carried.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Section 156.054 Performance Standards (C)(14)(e) relating to the first 5 feet of any residential boulevard maintained using traditional turf grass. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Ord. No. 48, Fourth Series, Updating Code of Ordinances was thus duly adopted by the City Council.

Open the Meeting to the Public for the First Time

Matt Hoehn, 502 Nicollet Avenue

Matt Hoehn, 502 Nicollet Avenue, appeared before the Council and requested the City Code Section 92.18 Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety be enforced. He reported that every Saturday night Las Fronteras has music and the bass reverberates off his house. He also reported gang signs on the dumpster.

Paul Schaffer, 504 Nicollet Avenue

Paul Schaffer, 504 Nicollet Avenue, appeared before the Council and stated his concern about the loud music at the Las Fronteras Restaurant. He stated the music can be heard late at night and is afraid it will be much worse in summer when he has the windows open.

Maria Hidalgo, 503 Belgrade Avenue

Maria Hidalgo, Las Fronteras owner, 503 Belgrade Avenue, appeared before the Council and requested an audio and large group permit. She reported constant harassment from the neighbor. She reported that she is a responsible, third generation American and has paid a lot of money for the liquor license for this restaurant. She stated it was her belief this is more of a racial issue than a noise issue. She also asked for a restriction from the neighbors parking in the restaurant parking lots.

Jamie Schaffer, 504 Nicollet Avenue

Jamie Schaffer, 504 Nicollet Avenue, appeared before the Council and expressed her concern about the level of the music at the Las Fronteras Restaurant. She reported she is able to hear the bass hitting the outside wall of her home and wants the music turned down. She also stated she has never heard neighbors using racial slurs.

Brandon McMuntvey, 503 Belgrade Avenue

Brandon McMuntvey, Las Fronteras Restaurant, 503 Belgrade Avenue, appeared before the Council and reported he provides security for the Las Fronteras Restaurant and voiced his concern about the racist comments and harassment from neighbors.

Police Chief Boyer reported that Lieutenant Bock is the officer in charge of this complaint. Mayor Dehen stated in order to resolve this issue amicably he will host a meeting in the next week with the parties involved and asked that Lieutenant Bock be in attendance at the meeting.

Mike Johnston, 418 Forest Heights Drive

Mike Johnston, 418 Forest Heights Drive, appeared before the Council and expressed his concern that changes to Section 130.09 Discharging Firearms was not discussed as part of the City Code changes. He reported he asked for a review of this section of the City Code and it did not happen. Attorney Kennedy reported this section of the City Code may require research and input by the City Attorney and Police Chief. The Mayor reported the Police Chief did review this section of the City Code and he recommended no changes.

Sal Alsaker, 1745 Mary Lane, Mankato

Sal Alsaker, 1745 Mary Lane, Mankato, appeared before the Council in reference to Section 130.09 of the City Code regarding discharging firearms. She stated her concern that air guns are considered a firearm.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney and Police Chief to review this section of the City Code and bring their recommendations to the City Council. If changes are recommended, the Council will set a public hearing to receive public input and consider changes to this section of the City Code.

Nicollet County Board Actions

Mayor Dehen reported the Nicollet County Board has authorized advertisement for bids for a new chip spreader. Bids will be accepted until 11:30 a.m. on February 8, 2013.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Large Group Permit for Gravley-Kaus Wedding, Spring Lake Park, Friday, August 16, 2013, from noon-6:30 p.m.
2. Resolution No. 06-13 Approving Consent Assessment Agreement – 339 Tyler Avenue.
3. Resolution No. 07-13 Approving Donations/Contributions.

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

Staff Reports

City Planner

Minutes of January 10, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting

The Council accepted the minutes of the January 10, 2013 Planning Commission meeting.

Z-1-13, Request to Rezone 815 Sherman Street from R-1, One-family Dwelling to R-2, One- and Two-Family Dwelling

Planner Fischer reported a request from Erik Hendley to rezone the property addressed as 815 Sherman Street from R-1, One-Family Dwelling to R-2, One- and Two-Family Dwelling. He reported this property was affected by the City-wide downzoning in 2005 and the applicant is experiencing difficulty financing the property due to its non-conforming status. He summarized the zoning policy adopted by the City Council in December 2012 reporting this property meets all of the criteria required in the rezoning policy. The Planning Commission reviewed this request and recommended approval.

Ord. No. 49, Fourth Series, Rezoning 815 Sherman Street

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Ord. No. 49, Fourth Series, Rezoning 815 Sherman Street from R-1, One-Family Dwelling to R-2, One- and Two-Family Dwelling. Vote on the Ordinance: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Z-2-13, Request to Rezone 638 Belgrade Avenue from R-1, One-Family Dwelling to R-2, One- and Two-Family Dwelling

Planner Fischer presented a request from Melvyn Sargent to rezone the property addressed as 638 Belgrade Avenue from R-1, One-Family Dwelling to R-2, One- and Two-Family Dwelling. He reported that per the rezoning policy, due to the fact that the property has not been continually used and licensed as a multiple-family dwelling, it does not meet the policy standards. He also reported that letters were received from area property owners pertaining to the physical condition of the applicant's property. He reported the Planning Commission reviewed this zoning request and recommended denial due to the fact the dwelling did not meet the No. 3 criteria on the rezoning policy requiring that it has been continually used and licensed as a multiple-family dwelling. Mayor Dehen reported he had spoken to the applicant and asked him to bring his property into Code compliance and then bring this request back for consideration. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to deny Z-2-13. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Interim City Administrator**Accept Bids for 2013 Material and Equipment Rental Rates from Bid Opening of January 7, 2013**

Interim Administrator Fischer presented a tabulation of bids taken on January 7, 2013 for Material and Equipment Rental Rates and reported the bids would be kept on file for reference when ordering material and renting equipment. Bids for material were received from M. R. Paving & Excavating, Inc., Flint Hills Resources, LP, North American Salt Company, W.W. Blacktopping, Inc., Southern Minnesota Construction Company, Inc., and Holtmeier Construction, Inc. Bids for equipment were received from W.W. Blacktopping, Inc., Leon's Custom Backhoe, Inc., Hoehn Drainage & Excavating, LLC, Holtmeier Construction, Inc., and Southern Minnesota Construction Co., Inc. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Spears, to accept all bids for the 2013 Material and Equipment Rental Rates and place them on file. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 08-13 Adopting the Nicollet County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Police Chief Boyer appeared before the Council and presented a summary of the Nicollet County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan which is a requirement of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. He reported the adoption of the plan is required to maintain eligibility for specific federal

disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs. Council Member Spears reported he has not seen the plan and would like to review the entire document prior to voting on this. Chief Boyer reported the document is over 140 pages in length and the Nicollet County Emergency Management and the Environment Services Departments in conjunction with local law enforcement and community leaders have developed this plan with the understanding of the need for protection and mitigation from hazards that have and will continue to impact the county. Chief Boyer reported he will forward a copy of the Nicollet County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan to Council Member Spears and any other members of the Council who would like to review the document. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 08-13 Adopting the Nicollet County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Steiner and Dehen, aye; Spears nay. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 09-13 Setting Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Interim Administrator Fischer presented a resolution setting the gas mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.565 per mile reporting the Internal Revenue Service has increased the standard mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2013 for business miles. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 09-13 Setting Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$0.565 per mile effective January 1, 2013. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Schools and Conferences

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

1. Pursuit Driving Refresher, South Central College, May 28-30 for 6 Police Personnel.
2. 29th Annual Water and Wastewater Technical Conference, St. Cloud, March 5-7 for 1 Water Serviceman.
3. Incident Command for Expanding Incidents (Level 300), St. Cloud, April 16-18 for Police Chief/Emergency Management Director.
4. Pavement Rehabilitation: Products, Processes and Strategies, Rochester, February 20 for Street Superintendent.
5. Micro/Slurry Surfacing: A Workshop for Practitioners, Mankato, March 20 for Street Superintendent.
6. MCFOA Conference, St. Cloud, March 19-22 for City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.
7. Trimble Real Time Kinematic Certification, Maple Grove, February 12-13 for Construction Inspector.
8. Special Operations Training Association Annual Conference, St. Cloud, March 23-26 for 3 Patrol Officers.

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

City Clerk

Res. No. 10-13 Appointing Election Judges

Clerk Gehrke reported a Special Primary Election will be on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 and a Special General Election on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 to fill the representative position vacated with the resignation of Terry Morrow. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both election days. Polling places will be open at Precincts 1-7. The precinct finder is available on the City's website www.northmankato.com. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member**

Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 10-13 Appointing Election Judges. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Parade Permit for IronKids Triathlon, Spring Lake Park, Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Clerk Gehrke reported Premier Event Management has requested a parade permit to hold the IronKids Triathlon at Spring Lake Park on Saturday, August 3, 2013. The Triathlon will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. The swim portion of the Triathlon will be held at the Swimming Facility, the run will be held around Spring Lake and the bicycle portion will be held on Lake Street, Webster Avenue and Sherman Street. Premier Event Management has agreed to pay for one North Mankato police officer for security issues and the Police Reserve will be in place for traffic control. They are expecting 300-500 participants. Chief Boyer reported the residents in the area will be notified of the street closure and those residents needing to get in or out of their property will be escorted by a police reserve. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the parade permit for the IronKids Triathlon to be held at Spring Lake Park on Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Audio and Large Group Permit for IronKids Youth Triathlon, Spring Lake Park, Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clerk Gehrke presented an audio and large group permit request from Premier Event Management to hold the IronKids Youth Triathlon in Spring Lake Park on Sunday, August 3, 2013. As part of this request, they will be reserving Park Shelters 1 and 2 in Spring Lake Park on August 2-3, 2013. On August 2, 2013 they will be setting up for the Triathlon and no audio will be used on this day. A portion of the parking lot will be needed for set up and location of bicycles. It may be necessary to amend the swimming facility hours of operation on August 2, 2013. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the audio and large group permit for the IronKids Youth Triathlon to be held in Spring Lake Park from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, 2013. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Finance Director

Res. No. 11-13 Declaring the Official Intent of the City of North Mankato to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued by the City

Finance Director Thorne presented a resolution declaring official intent of the City to reimburse expenditures from the proceeds of equipment certificate bonds to be issued by the City. She reported the City Council approved \$30,000 for the GPS-SPS Equipment & Software in the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan. Because new technology has become available since the start of the 2013 Budget process, the amount has increased to \$32,605.55. She reported the Construction Inspector is requesting purchase of the equipment in January so that he may attend training in February when classes are offered. Construction Inspector Tostenson appeared before the Council and summarized the uses for this equipment. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 11-13 Declaring the Official Intent of the City of North Mankato to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued by the City. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Engineer**Res. No. 12-13 Ordering Feasibility Report for Project No. 13-01ABCDEF, Cliff Court Reconstruction**

Engineer Malm reported Project No. 13-01ABCDEF includes the reconstruction of sanitary sewer main, water main, water and sewer services, street base, storm sewer, curb and gutter and street surfacing for Cliff Court. He presented the proposed schedule for this project reporting that since this is an assessable project it is necessary to hold an improvement hearing to gather public input regarding the project. Some discussion was held regarding the placement of manhole covers. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-13 Ordering Feasibility Report for Project No. 13-01ABCDEF, Cliff Court Reconstruction. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 13-13 Ordering Feasibility Report for Project No. 13-02AC, Roe Crest-Noretta-Belgrade Ravine Improvements.

Engineer Malm prepared a proposed schedule for Project No. 13-02AC which includes the reconstruction of sanitary sewer main and storm sewer for the Roe Crest-Noretta-Belgrade Ravine. This project was approved in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and this is not an assessable project. Discussion was held about grant dollars available for the construction of a trail. Engineer Malm reported the trail would be a separate project and there may be some Department of Natural Resources grant dollars available. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to adopt Resolution No. 13-13 Ordering Feasibility Report for Project No. 13-02AC, Roe Crest-Noretta-Belgrade Ravine Improvements. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 14-13 Ordering Improvement and Ordering Plans and Specifications for Project No. 07-02B, Water Tower No. 2 Interior Recoating

Engineer Malm presented updated costs for the interior recoating of Water Tower No. 2 and a proposed schedule for the project. He reported that as part of this project some small exterior recoating will also be completed. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to adopt Resolution No. 14-13 Ordering Improvement and Ordering Plans and Specifications for Project No. 07-02B, Water Tower No. 2 Interior Recoating. Vote on the Resolution: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Report from Council Members**Council Member Norland**

Council Member Norland asked how we were going to proceed on the gun ordinance issue. Attorney Kennedy reported that he along with the Police Chief spoke with Mark Johnston and told him this issue would be reviewed by Attorney Kennedy, Chief Boyer and Interim Administrator Fischer. Attorney Kennedy reported the Police Chief has completed some background research. He stated the definitions would need to be understandable by parents. The Attorney also noted review of this portion of the City Code should be done in a timely fashion since we did say we were going to review this issue. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to pursue the recommendations of the City Attorney for him to work with the Police Chief and the Interim City Administrator to review this portion of the City Code and to bring their recommendations to the Council in a timely manner. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Report from Mayor**Highway 14 Partnership Update**

The Mayor presented an update of the Highway 14 Partnership reporting the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is currently updating its 20-year state highway investment plan which is scheduled to be completed in May 2013. This plan will determine the state's transportation priorities for the next two decades. The update noted that it is critical that Highway 14 remains a priority in this plan or else economic growth will be inhibited, safety will be risked and progress will be stalled. The update further noted there is a strong possibility that a transportation funding package could emerge in the 2013 Legislative Session and Highway 14 must be part of the Legislature's transportation finance discussion. The Mayor requested the increase of \$100 for the local government membership dues increasing the City of North Mankato's assessment to \$1,825 for 2013. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to authorize payment of the Highway 14 Partnership assessment of \$1,825.00 for 2013. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Proclamation for Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week, February 7-14, 2013

Mayor Dehen read the proclamation naming February 7-14, 2013 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in North Mankato.

Pedal Past Poverty

Mayor Dehen reported he, along with Mayor Anderson, will be an honorary chair for the Pedal Past Poverty event to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2013. He is looking to form a 10-member team from the City of North Mankato and asked interested City Council Members and City employees to contact him.

Open the Meeting to the Public for the Second Time**Barbara Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue**

Barbara Church, 102 E. Wheeler Avenue, appeared before the Council and asked the Riverfront Park noise issue be a topic at the next Intergovernmental meeting. She also stated that under the rezoning policy a fourth criteria should be included which requires payment of the zoning fees prior to consideration of the zoning application.

Bills and Appropriations

Council Member Spears inquired about the payment to the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force. Finance Director Thorne reported the City of North Mankato is no longer the fiscal agent for the Task Force and Blue Earth County will be taking over these duties. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve all bills and appropriations in the amount of \$3,213,542.61. Vote on the motion: Norland, Spears, Steiner and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk