

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 April 21, 2014. 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 Spears, Steiner, Norland and Freyberg, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director Thorne, Attorney Kennedy, City Clerk Gehrke, Planner Fischer and Public Works Director Swanson.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the agenda with two changes: The removal of Item E from the Consent Agenda to allow for additional discussion and the removal of Item F from the Consent Agenda completely. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of April 7, 2014. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Freyberg, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 21-14 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Large Group Permit for Grace Lutheran Church Service, Wheeler Park, Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- D. Audio and Large Group Permit for Picnic and Talen Variety Show, Wheeler Park, Monday, August 11, 2014 from 4-8:30 p.m.
- E. Res. 22-14 Approving Consent Assessment – 1425 Lookout Drive.

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

Audio and Large Group Permit for NaKato Bar Band in Parking Lot, 253 Belgrade Avenue, Saturday, June 14, 2014, 8 p.m. to Midnight or 1 a.m.

Council Member Spears referenced City Code Section 92.18(V)(1)(d) regarding the hours for operation of any audio device stating the Code clearly restricts the use of such devices between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. For that reason, Council Member Spears is requesting a limit of the audio permit for NaKato Bar Band in Parking Lot to 10 p.m. rather than the requested 12 midnight or 1 a.m. Attorney Kennedy reported permits have been issued granting exceptions to this limitation; however, he would recommend putting a firm deadline for when the music is to stop for this event. Mayor Dehen stated the various City events such as Fun Days and Blues on Belgrade have historically stopped the audio at 11 p.m. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the audio and large group permit for NaKato Bar Band in Parking Lot, 253 Belgrade Avenue, for Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen, aye; Spears, nay. Motion carried.**

Public Comments**Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive**

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and reported it was difficult to hear the recording of the April 7, 2014 Council meeting. Administrator Harrenstein reported staff was aware of the problem and it has been addressed.

Business Items**Consider Setting Public Hearing to Amend City Code Chapter 155, Subdivision Regulations for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014**

City Engineer Sarff presented proposed changes to Chapter 155.46 of the City Code which would allow a developer to use either "B-style" or driveover/mountable style ("M-style") curb for new private streets. He reported the current City Code language does not address the type of curb to be used for new public streets. The proposed Code changes create a new paragraph addressing curb design for public streets in new subdivisions and guidelines for public streets as to when each type of curb design is to be considered. The City Engineer reported the use of M-style curb in residential developments will avoid having to remove and replace the curb and gutter within each driveway. He also reported since there are invariably situations where specific project details create some uncertainty as to the type of curb to be used, the proposed language allows for variations and interpretations to be made by the City Council based on recommendations from City staff. The requested action is to set a public hearing to amend City Code Chapter 155, Subdivision Regulations for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to set a public hearing to consider amending City Code Chapter 155, Subdivision Regulations for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Consider Setting Public Hearing to Amend HUD Consolidated Plan for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014

Planner Fischer reported as a HUD Entitlement Community, the Consolidated Plan is used as a guideline as to how the City will utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from 2010-2014. He reported staff is recommending the use of CDBG funds to replace the entrance doors at the Municipal Building in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since the use of funds for this purpose was not originally listed in the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, it is necessary to amend the Plan to include the use of CDBG funds for the Municipal Building door project. Council Member Freyberg stated he does not believe the Municipal Building door is a budget item and the CDBG funds should be used for the restrooms at the soccer fields. Administrator Harrenstein reported the City recently became aware CDBG funds could be used for ADA compliance projects and the Municipal Building doors have been in the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for many years. Planner Fischer reported that looking back, staff would have included many different projects in the Plan so that it would be necessary to amend the Plan. The necessary action is to set a public hearing to consider the amendments to the HUD Consolidated Plan. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to set a public hearing to consider amendments to the HUD Consolidated Plan for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Consider Setting Public Hearing to Approve 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Action Plan for 7 pm. on Monday, May 5, 2014

Planner Fischer reported it is necessary to set and hold a public hearing to approve the 2014-2015 Action Plan for the use of HUD entitlement funds. He reported notice was received that the 2014 allocation is in the amount of \$63,840. The proposed use of the HUD funds is as follows: Replace doors at Municipal Building - \$28,000; Single-Family Housing rehabilitation - \$27,840; and Administration - \$8,000. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to set a public hearing to consider approval of the 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen; aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Administrator and Staff Comments**Introduction of Intern**

Administrator Harrenstein introduced Benjamin Effah from Ghana who has been interning with the City of North Mankato. He reported Benjamin will be interning with the City of St. Peter over the summer months and should be returning to the City of North Mankato in the fall. He thanked Benjamin for the work he has done with the City.

Neighborhood Meeting for Project No. 13-02AC, Old Belgrade Hill Reconstruction

Public Works Director Swanson reported a neighborhood meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building for the property owners on Old Belgrade Hill. Letters have been sent to the affected property owners.

Caswell North

The Public Works Director reported footings would be poured at the Caswell North soccer fields on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Spring Pickup

The Public Works Director reported the Spring Pickup is progressing with crews in the hilltop area this week.

Safe Routes to School

Engineer Sarff reported a Safe Routes to School grant was awarded to the City of North Mankato and several other cities within Independent School District 77. This grant is geared toward planning to get elementary students to school safely and will be administered by Region 9.

Mayor and Council Comments**Mayor**

The Mayor reported the Bicycle Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 and the Safe Routes to School will be an item of discussion.

Public Comments**Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive**

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before the Council and reported that his water pipes are no longer frozen.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Freyberg, seconded by Council Member Norland, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk