

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 February 2, 2015. 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 roll call: Council Members Spears, Steiner and Norland, Mayor Dehen, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director Thorne, Attorney Kennedy, City Clerk Van Genderen, City Planner Fischer and Public Works Director Swanson. Absent from the meeting was 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: Spears, Steiner, Norland 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 January 20, 2015. Vote on the motion: Spears, Norland and Dehen aye; Steiner abstain, no nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 12-15 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Parade Permit for Lasting Imprint, "Our Community Has Heart" 5K Walk/Run, Spring Lake Park, Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- D. Audio and Large Group Permit for Lasting Imprint "Our Community Has Heart" 5K Walk/Run in Spring Lake Park, Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- E. Res. No. 13-15 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry.
- F. Res. No. 14-15 Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2015, in the Original Aggregate Principal Amount of \$1,631,793; Providing for its Issuance; and Authorizing the Execution of a Project Loan Agreement.
- G. Add Signatories to Frandsen Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.

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

Public Comments

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before the Council and indicated group permits issued for City parks cause a significant amount of noise. Hagen stated the public meeting held on January 29, 2015 concerning the Comprehensive Plan was not what he requested. He wanted a meeting in mid-February so there was more time to advertise the event. He thanked Mayor Dehen for discussing the Comprehensive Plan during Coffee with the Council on February 14, 2015 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Fire Station #2, 1825 Howard Drive.

Barb Church, 102 East Wheeler, appeared before the Council and thanked the Mayor for the February 14, 2015 Coffee with the Council Comprehensive Plan meeting. Church indicated that she was

concerned that the City may not need to have a referendum on the Sales Tax Extension and requested the City require a referendum on all portions of the Sales Tax Extension.

Business Items**Sheri Allen, Superintendent of Mankato Area Public Schools Presented an Update on the School Bond.**

Sheri Allen presented a construction update PowerPoint to the North Mankato City Council. Allen stated the total estimated budget for the projects is \$69,500,000 with \$7,843,373 paid to date. Allen stated the West High School Cafeteria Renovation was complete. She indicated the Dakota Meadows Middle School Addition, Prairie Winds Middle School, East High Renovation and the Garfield Renovation were on schedule. Allen reported construction updates are posted at www.isd77.org.

Mankato/North Mankato Wastewater Interconnection Agreement

Administrator Harrenstein introduced Bradley DeWolf, President/CEO, Bolton & Menk, Inc. to update the Council on the Wastewater Interconnection Agreement process. DeWolf indicated the current agreement expired in June 2014 and four (4) changes were included in the new agreement, including changes to the user charge system, allocated capacity, Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) and Inflow and Infiltration (I&I). He stated there were three remaining issues that the City of North Mankato and Mankato were addressing before a final agreement would be reached. The remaining issues include Reserve Capacity, SAC Charge and Depreciation on Capital Equipment. DeWolf reported the Reserve Capacity that North Mankato would have access to in the proposed agreement has decreased significantly, and specific language must be made assuring North Mankato that this concession will not impede the ability to grow the community. He noted a final SAC Charge must be determined prior to execution of the agreement. DeWolf specified that the Depreciation on Capital Equipment, a new charge, needs to include specifics as to how the charges will be assessed or this cost could increase dramatically. He stated the known terms of the proposed agreement with the City of Mankato are reasonable but some language of the proposed agreement is still being modified based on discussions with the City of Mankato. When a "draft" final agreement is ready it will be presented to the Council.

Sales Tax Extension Legislative Information

Administrator Harrenstein stated the draft bill included in the packet requires changes. Mayor Dehen stated the bill would be discussed at the Intergovernmental meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

None.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland indicated that District 77 Community Education and Recreation had three programs to help people obtain a High School Diploma or GED.

Council Member Spears requested an explanation of the purpose of the January 29, 2015 Comprehensive Plan meeting. Administrator Harrenstein stated the purpose was to comply with the request from the Council on January 20, 2015. Harrenstein reported the Planning Commission's final review is scheduled for February 12, 2015 and to honor the public's suggestions it would be necessary to have any changes implemented before the Planning Commission's meeting.

Mayor Dehen indicated another Comprehensive Plan meeting would be held on February 14, 2015 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Fire Station #2, 1825 Howard Drive. He reported a flier advertising the event was mailed out in the water bill.

Mayor Dehen read the following Proclamation into record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect; and

WHEREAS, the medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how this defect affects all our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Dehen, Mayor of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2015, to be

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

in the City of North Mankato, and encourage all North Mankato residents to join me in this special observance.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2015.

Public Comments

None.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk