

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on June 13, 2022. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm, asking everyone to join the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for roll call: Council Members Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and City Clerk Van Genderen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Business Items

Candidate Interviews

The North Mankato City Council interviewed three candidates for the City Administrator position. Jason “Jay” Tobin, the current Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Shakopee, Minnesota; Jennifer Bromeland, the current City Administrator for the City of Eagle Lake, Minnesota; and Kevin McCann, the current Finance Director for the City of North Mankato. The Council asked 12 questions of each candidate, with the candidates having 45 minutes to respond. The last question allowed the candidates to ask questions of the City Council.

Feedback from Panel and Public

Consultant Liza Donabauer appeared before Council and read the responses from all participants in the panel interviews and the public meet and greet. Before the Special Council Meeting, the candidates were interviewed by two panels and participated in a public meet and greet. The two panels consisted of department heads and business owners, and stakeholders. The public meet and greet included a moderated forum.

Each participant in the interviews and the public meet and greet provided four answers for each candidate. The information provided by interviewers and the public included:

What are your general impressions of this candidate?

What strengths would this candidate bring to the Administrator position?

Describe how you believe this candidate would fit within the City and partner organizations.

Provide other comments that could be helpful to the City Council in its deliberations.

Discussion and Deliberation

Consultant Donabauer provided the Council with the opportunity to complete a ballot where they could vote for up to two candidates by ranking their choices first or second. Jay Tobin received two-second candidate votes, Kevin McCann received three first candidate votes and two-second candidate votes, and Jennifer Bromeland received two first candidate votes and two-second candidate votes.

A discussion was held concerning candidates Kevin McCann and Jennifer Bromeland as the top two vote earners. Discussion surrounded continuity, conflict management, experience at the state and federal level with lobbying, community engagement, and visibility in the community.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to Make an Offer and Enter into Negotiations with Kevin McCann. Vote on the motion, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye, Oachs and Whitlock nay. Motion carried.

At 5:30 pm, on a motion by Council Member Oachs, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk