

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 June 6, 2022. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, asking everyone to join the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for roll call: Council Members Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Interim City Administrator Fischer, and City Clerk Van Genderen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Council Minutes from May 16, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 16, 2022. Vote on the Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2022, Meeting.

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2022. Vote on the Oachs, Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7 p.m., Annexation of 38.94 Acres of Land.

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported that the public hearing is for annexing 38.94 acres of land. Owners John and Diane Krohn requested the annexation and are working with developers on what will be called Belgrade Addition. The development would be single-family homes and follows the guidance of the Comprehensive Plan.

Cheryl Michels, Belgrade Township Board Supervisor, appeared before Council and indicated she and the Belgrade Township Board opposed the annexation. She reported the Township continues to lose its tax base, and farmland should be protected.

Mary Milbrath, Belgrade Township Board Supervisor, appeared before Council and indicated the City of North Mankato had annexed 45 acres since 2019, and she indicated the Township only received \$75.00 an acre.

Sandy Howe, Belgrade Township Board Supervisor, appeared before Council and stated she believed the annexed land must be developed within five years. Some of the land annexed into the City has not been fully developed. She requested the City of North Mankato slow down annexation.

With no one else appearing, Mayor Dehen closed the public hearing.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 58-22 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved Parade, Audio, and Large Group Permit for Lasting Imprints Our Community has a Heart event on September 10, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- D. Approved Parade Permit for 2Wheels2Heal on June 25, 2022.
- E. Approved Audio Permits for the Circle Inn on June 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 29, 2022, with Times as Designated on the Permit Applications.

- F. Approved North Mankato Public Art Agreement with Spinners Bar and Grill.
- G. Approved Res. No. 59-22 Consent Assessment Agreement.

Vote on the Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, and Dehen aye; Oachs abstain; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda.

None.

Business Items

Adopt Ordinance No. 150, Fourth Series an Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota Annexing Land Located in Belgrade Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.033 Subdivision 2 (3) Permitting Annexation by Ordinance.

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the Ordinance is associated with the Public Hearing held earlier in the evening. Council Member Steiner requested clarification on the development of the land the City has annexed. Interim City Administrator Fischer reported that all the lands are being developed, maybe slowly, but it is being developed. In response to the question concerning the number of acres that have been annexed, Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the Waters annexation was over 100 acres and is in the process of phased development. Interim City Administrator Fischer emphasized that the property owners petition the City for annexation. Council Member Whitlock noted it was good that the development company is choosing to work in North Mankato. Council Member Oachs questioned the amount paid to the township. Interim City Administrator Fischer reported it is based on an agreement with the Belgrade Township. In the agreement, the City pays the Belgrade Township 5-years of the taxes they would have received for the property.

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to Adopt Ordinance No. 150, Fourth Series an Ordinance of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota Annexing Land Located in Belgrade Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.033 Subdivision 2(3) Permitting Annexation by Ordinance. Vote on the Whitlock, Norland, and Dehen aye; Steiner and Oachs nays. Motion carried.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported that Finance Director McCann and his team were awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Interim City Administrator Fischer said the Farmers' Market opened today at South Central College. The market runs until October 17th and is held every Monday, from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Interim City Administrator Fischer reported the Minnesota State High School Girls' State Softball Tournament returns to Caswell Park on Thursday and Friday.

Interim City Administrator Fischer noted the Swim Facility is open from noon until 6:00 p.m.

Interim City Administrator Fischer invited everyone to Movies in the Park on Friday, June 17th, at Spring Lake Park. The movie will start at dusk or approximately 8 p.m.

Interim City Administrator Fischer invited everyone to Concerts on Commerce on June 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Ignition fitness Grounds.

Interim City Administrator Fischer invited the public to the City Administrator Meet and Greet on Monday, June 13th at noon at Fire Station #2 (1825 Howard Drive W.)

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Norland thanked the City staff for their foresight in planning the maintenance and replacement of utilities.

Council Member Oachs noted that Connecting Commerce would host Concerts on Commerce on June 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Steiner invited everyone to ArtSplash on Saturday, June 18th, from 11:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Dehen noted that there would be a moderated panel during the Public Meet and Greet of the City Administrator Candidates on June 13, 2022. If any resident has a question, please write it down and submit it to the consultant at the door for consideration.

At 7:35 pm, on a motion by Council Member Whitlock, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk