

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 December 19, 2016. 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: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, and Norland, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director McCann, Attorney Kennedy, City Planner Fischer, Public Works Director Swanson 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 motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of December 5, 2016. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – 7 p.m. Annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) Review.

City Engineer Dan Sarff appeared before Council and stated that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) administers the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act including the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The MS4 is designed to reduce the amount of sediment and pollution that enters surface and ground water from storm sewer systems. The City of North Mankato has a population greater than 10,000 and must comply with the MS4 permit requirements. A part of the MS4 requirements is that the City must develop and maintain a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). The SWPPP has six minimum control measures including; Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts, Public Participation and Involvement, Illicit Discharge Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment and Pollution Control and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations. The City of North Mankato continues to work on the various tasks listed and most recently updated the City Code concerning Stormwater. The MS4 permit requires the City to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the adequacy of the City's SWPPP. Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and indicated he believed the City should consider a controlled deer hunt to minimize the impact the deer have on the native flora and fauna. Mr. Hagen also stated the homes on the top of the bluff should be required to send rainwater to the street and not down the ravines. Council Member Steiner requested clarification on if there was a way to address Mr. Hagen's concerns. City Engineer Sarff stated there is a definite relationship between wildlife and maintenance of the ravines, and as the City reviews the SWPPP, Mr. Hagen's concerns will be studied. Council Member Spears stated the SWPPP should be updated now. City Engineer Sarff stated this Public Hearing was only for taking public comment and the ideas would be reviewed and possibly incorporated into the SWPPP revisions in the next year or two.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 100-16 Adopting Resolution Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 101-16 Authorizing or Reauthorizing Membership in the 4M Fund.

- D. Res. No. 102-16 Setting Council Meeting Dates for Year 2017.
- E. Res. No. 103-16 Setting Licenses and Permit Fees.
- F. Set Public Hearing for 7 p.m., January 3, 2017, to Consider Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 5. A request from the City of North Mankato.
- G. Res. No. 104-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges for 10 Arlington Court.
- H. Res. No. 105-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges for 732 Wall Street.
- I. Res. No. 106-16 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges for 2153 LorRay Drive.
- J. Set Public Hearing for 7 p.m. on January 3, 2017, to Consider Proposed Improvements to the Sidewalk at 638 Belgrade Avenue.
- K. Set Public Hearing for 7 p.m. on January 3, 2017, to Consider Proposed Improvements to the Sidewalk at 538 Page Avenue.
- L. Approved Temporary Alcohol Permit for Business on Belgrade and the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament on January 28 and 29, 2017 at Spring Lake Park.

Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried. Council Member Spears asked for clarification on why the Community Room in the basement of the Municipal Building was removed from the fee schedule. Public Works Director Swanson indicated that with the remodel of the Municipal Building entrance, steep grades were needed, preventing the basement entrance from being ADA compliant. Public Works Director Swanson reported the current room could be used as a staff break room and archives.

Public Comments

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and requested clarification on the location of the Zero Waste dumpster following the closing of the compost site. Ms. Church stated she approved of the project proposed for the Tschohl property.

Tom Hagen, 927 Wall Street, appeared before Council and stated he noted the application for the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament and expressed his concern that the noise would be managed better. Mr. Hagen stated the proposed project for the Tschohl property was, in his mind, acceptable.

Business Items

Res. No. 107-16 Approving the General Fund Budget and Auxiliary Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Res. No. 107-16 Approving the General Fund Budget and Auxiliary Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 108-16 Approving 2016 Tax Levy Collectible in 2017. Council Member Spears requested clarification on the abatement levy. City Administrator Harrenstein stated a portion was designated for the Highway 14 trail and a portion was paying for the Old Belgrade hill project. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to adopt Res. No. 108-16 Approving 2016 Tax Levy Collectible in 2017. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 109-16 Approving the Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2021. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Res. No. 109-16 Approving the Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2021. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 84, Fourth Series, Rezoning 1610 LorRay Drive from Transitional Unzoned District to R-3A, Medium Density Residential. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to Adopt Ordinance No. 84, Fourth Series, Rezoning 1610 LorRay Drive from Transitional Unzoned District to R-3A, Medium Density Residential. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 110-16 Authorizing City of North Mankato Revenue and Expenditure Recognition Policy. Finance Director McCann stated the policy was recommended by the auditors to clean up the reconciliation process. Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Res. No. 110-16 Authorizing City of North Mankato Revenue and Expenditure Recognition Policy. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 111-16 Authorizing Funding Application for the Commerce Drive Improvement Project. City Engineer Sarff reported the resolution was a requirement before the City could apply for a Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant. The STP is a competitive grant and would be funded in Fiscal Year 2021 covering up to 80% of the eligible project. The City submitted a grant application last year that was not selected but staff believes this project fits the criteria. The proposed project would include the partial reconstruction of Commerce Drive between Lookout Drive and Lee Boulevard. Estimated total cost for the project is \$1,984,200 and federal funding would cover 80% or \$1,380,300 of the estimated construction cost. Local cost would be the remaining 20% or \$603,900. Council Member Steiner noted the road is busy and reconstruction is needed. Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to adopt Res. No. 111-16 Authorizing Funding Application for the Commerce Drive Improvement Project. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 112-16 Authorizing Transportation Alternatives Solicitation Funding Application for the Monroe Elementary/Bridges Elementary Safe Routes to School Project. City Engineer Sarff reported this application is similar to the one submitted last year. If the City receives the grant it would be funded in 2021. He stated the Dakota Meadows application was accepted last year and the City was encouraged to resubmit this grant application. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Res. No. 112-16 Authorizing Transportation Alternatives Solicitation Funding Application for the Monroe Elementary/Bridges Elementary Safe Routes to School Project. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

Administrator Harrenstein noted Charter Communication provided the City with information concerning upcoming changes.

Administrator Harrenstein thanked Finance Director McCann for his work on the budget and his work to increase the efficiency of the Finance office.

Administrator Harrenstein thanked Council Member Spears for his service as Council Member.

Administrator Harrenstein wished the Council, staff, and North Mankato residents Merry Christmas.

Public Works Director Swanson stated the Zero Waste dumpster would be moved just off Quincy Street at the entrance to the Recycling Center.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Freyberg thanked Council Member Spears for his service and differing viewpoint on the Council.

Council Member Norland thanked Council Member Spears for his service and for providing a different view point.

Council Member Norland stated during the last snow event the City did not declare a snow emergency, but citizens should move their vehicles during and after a snowstorm to allow City plows to clear the street of snow.

Council Member Norland indicated she understood the logic of a deer hunt but was not interested in endorsing a hunt.

Council Member Steiner thanked Council Member Spears for his service.

Council Member Spears stated it has been good serving on City Council, reporting he has mellowed and better understands the nuances of City government and appreciates the work required to run a City.

Appointment of Boards and Commissions. Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to approve the 2017 Appointment of Boards and Commissions. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 113-16 Approving City Council Committee Assignments. Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Res. No. 113-16 Approving City Council Committee Assignments. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Dehen thanked Council Member Spears for his service and work on behalf of the citizens of North Mankato.

Mayor Dehen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Public Comments

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and stated the citizens of North Mankato thank you for your work.

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and stated he would like to see the City of North Mankato develop a Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Member Steiner requested City staff look into a Historic Preservation Commission. Administrator Harrenstein stated the Downtown Master Plan would be bringing forward ideas and requested the Council wait until the completion of the plan.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk