

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 20, 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 Spears and Steiner, City Administrator Harrenstein, Attorney Kennedy, City Planner Fischer, Public Works Director Swanson and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Council Member Freyberg and Council Member Norland.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Spears to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of June 6, 2016. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Public Hearing, 7 pm-Proposed Complete Streets Plan.

Jake Huebsch, of the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) appeared before Council and stated he has been working with City staff and City Engineer Dan Sarff on the Complete Streets Plan. The purpose of the plan is to construct streets and sidewalks that are designed to serve everyone including pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers while taking into account the transportation needs of all people including children, older adults and people with disabilities. MAPO has been working with community groups and City staff to complete the draft together. Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and stated he believes the minimum width for sidewalks should be reduced from 6-feet to 3-feet or 4-feet to decrease potential removal of trees, ground water run-off and decrease the cost to both citizens and the City. Council Member Steiner reported the City reduced the sidewalk width in the 2016 Roe Crest Drive improvement project from 6-feet to 5-feet with making it so only one tree will be eliminated. Administrator Harrenstein indicated City staff is not opposed to considering reducing the minimum required sidewalk width to 5-feet.

Public Hearing, 7 pm-Proposed Sidewalk Maintenance and Installation Policy.

Mayor Dehen reported staff presented a sidewalk maintenance and installation policy to Council on May 16, 2016. The policy is currently under review with a display in City Hall allowing for public comment and two planned public hearings. Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and requested that the planned sidewalk on Cedar Street be removed from the plan due to lack of space. Ms. Church read a letter from Heidi Pengilly, 102 Cleveland Avenue, concerning the Sidewalk Maintenance and Installation Policy. Ms. Pengilly stated Cleveland Avenue does not need a sidewalk and there are better uses for tax payer dollars.

Certificate of Recognition

WHEREAS, Gary and Mary Zellmer, Arlene Glaser, Lynn Solo, Bess Tsaouse and Eunice Simonson rendered service to this community which deserves special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Gary, Mary, Arlene, Lynn, Bess and Eunice volunteered their time to help the Parks Department plant flowers at Benson, Centennial and Wheeler Parks; and

WHEREAS, their dedication and enthusiasm in beautifying the City is appreciated by both the residents of the community and the City of North Mankato staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of all our citizens, I am pleased to tender this Certificate of Recognition to Gary, Mary, Arlene, Lynn, Bess and Eunice, with our sincere thanks for their hard work to help beautify the City of North Mankato.

Dated this 20th day of June 2016.

Certificate of Recognition

WHEREAS, Shawn Ange rendered service to this community which deserves special recognition; and

WHEREAS, he has volunteered countless hours promoting the City of North Mankato by chairing event committees and donating time and supplies for local festivals and events; and

WHEREAS, Shawn has tirelessly supported the community as an active member of Business on Belgrade and the Civic and Commerce Association and as the successful owner of Spinners, a quality bar and grill; and

WHEREAS, Shawn and his family will be missed in the greater Mankato area as they pursue other dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of all our citizens, I am pleased to tender this Certificate of Recognition to Shawn, with our sincere thanks for his hard work in promoting and developing the City of North Mankato.

Dated this 20th day of June 2016.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 50-16 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 51-16 Declaring the Official Intent of the City of North Mankato to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued by the City.

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

Public Comments

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and stated the Rip Roar Triathlon coordinators provided residents with a contact sheet for use during their event on June 25, 2016. He appreciated the effort. Mr. Hagen stated a citizen park board should be instituted to help City staff make decisions concerning park use.

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and stated the resolution placing the Godzilla statue at the intersection of Highway 169 and Belgrade Avenue should be reconsidered as it could be a distraction for drivers.

Business Items

Consider Preliminary and Final Plat of Innovative Power Subdivision, Replat of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Lutz Park Subdivision, a Request from NMP Holdings, LLC. City Planner Fischer reported the applicant owns Lots 1 and 2, Lutz Park Subdivision which is the location of Thin Film Technology on Commerce Drive. There are currently two buildings on the property which is zoned for industrial purposes. The smaller building has been vacant and on the market for the past five years. The applicant is proposing to sell the smaller building and request that the property is replatted to accommodate sale of the building and property. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal and recommends the replat. The applicant is also requesting the property be zoned B-3 to accommodate the potential buyers use of the property. Council Member Spears reported that Thin Films neighbor, Coloplast, was concerned with security if the property is zoned B-3. Attorney Kennedy indicated the Planning Commission discussed possible issues with rezoning the property and still recommends the replat and rezoning. Attorney Kennedy indicated the nature of the street is becoming less industrial and more commercial. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Mayor Dehen to Approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of Innovative Power Subdivision, Replat of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Lutz Park Subdivision, a Request from NMP Holdings, LLC. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Z-3-16, a Request to Rezone Lot 2, Block 1, Innovative Power Subdivision from I-1, Planned Industrial to B-3, General Commercial. Ordinance No. 74 Fourth Series, Rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, Innovative Power Subdivision from I-1, Planned Industrial to B-3, General Commercial. Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Spears to Adopt Ordinance No. 74 Fourth Series, Rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, Innovative Power Subdivision from I-1, Planned Industrial to B-3, General Commercial. Vote on the motion; Spears, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Res. No. 52-16 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisements for Bids Project No. 16-01EF City Hall Building Entrance/Parking Lot Modifications. City Engineer Sarff reported the plans and specifications have been completed for the portion of the project involving the relocation and reconstruction of the parking lot, construction of new assessable sidewalk accessing the building, and related landscaping work. City Engineer Sarff stated the estimates for the municipal building entrance modifications would likely approach \$200,000. Since this is significantly more than the allowances included in previous estimates staff recommends that the City Council consider delaying the front entrance modifications and only complete the parking lot relocation and reconstruction. Portions of the parking lot relocation and reconstruction will be completed by Public Works staff and portions will be contracted out. The total estimated project cost is approximately \$243,000 with \$138,000 from CDBG funding the City's estimated cost would be \$105,000. Council Member Spears stated he is opposed to using HUD funds because the national debt continues to rise and this does not seem like an appropriate use of Federal funds. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Mayor Dehen to adopt Res. No. 52-16 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisements for Bids Project No. 16-01EF City Hall Building Entrance/Parking Lot Modifications. Vote on the motion: Steiner and Dehen aye; Spears nay. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 53-16 Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications and Advertisement for Bids, Project No.16-02E 2016 Street Mill and Overlay Projects. City Engineer Sarff reported City staff has been reviewing the pavement management plan and prioritizing projects. The City included \$350,000 in the 2016 budget for street mill and overlay rehabilitation projects. However, it is

anticipated that up to \$100,000 of those funds may be required for the reconstruction of the City Hall Parking lot. This leaves approximately \$250,000 for mill & overlay projects. City staff recommends that bids be solicited for the following three projects; Hoover Drive from Marie Lane to Northway Drive, Commerce Drive from Lor Ray Drive to Colette Drive and Commerce Drive from Colette Drive to Mary Circle with an estimated total cost of \$250,000. Council Member Spears requested clarification on where Cliff Court was in the prioritization of streets for reconstruction. Administrator Harrenstein indicated the road will be discussed during the budget season. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Spears to adopt Res. No. 53-16 Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications and Advertisement for Bids, Project No.16-02E 2016 Street Mill and Overlay Projects. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Spears and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 54-16 Supporting a Location for the Godzilla Statue. City Administrator Harrenstein reported the 2015 Walking Sculpture People's Choice award winner requires more space than it is allotted at its current location so the City is requesting Council approve the relocation of the statue to the northwest quadrant of the intersection of the Highway 169 southbound off ramp and Belgrade Avenue in downtown North Mankato. Council Member Spears stated concern over the location of the statue was legitimate and requested City staff consider options to ensure safety at the site. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Mayor Dehen to adopt Res. No. 54-16 Supporting a Location for the Godzilla Statue. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

City Administrator and Staff Comments

City Administrator Harrenstein thanked Public Works Director Swanson, his staff, law enforcement agencies and volunteers for the successful running of the North Star Bike Fest on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

City Administrator Harrenstein thanked Library Director Lowry and her staff for the successful ArtSplash event held on June 18, 2016.

City Administrator Harrenstein thanked resident and business owner Shawn Ange for his work in the City of North Mankato.

Public Works Director Swanson thanked the many law enforcement agencies who worked with the City to provide security and safety for the North Star Bike Fest.

City Engineer Sarff reported a neighborhood meeting was held for residents of Roe Crest Drive to address concerns about the 2016 Roe Crest Drive reconstruction.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Dehen stated RipRoar Kids Triathlon would be held on June 25, 2016 in Spring Lake Park.

Mayor Dehen stated a joint Mankato/North Mankato Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 6 p.m. at 1961 Premier Drive, in Greater Mankato Growth's Sakatah Trail Room.

Mayor Dehen stated voting for the Highway 14 Trail name would commence on June 27 and end on July 6. Announcement of the new name would occur during Fun Days.

Public Comments

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before Council and stated he wanted a North Mankato debt sign in the front of City Hall.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Spears, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk