

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 September 16, 2019. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for roll call: Council Members Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Mayor Dehen, City Administrator Harrenstein, City Attorney Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, Community Development Director Fischer, Public Works Director Host and City Clerk Van Genderen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes September 3, 2019

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of September 3, 2019. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Work Session Minutes September 9, 2019

Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session meeting of September 9, 2019. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.

Proclamation

Mayor Dehen read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, September 17, 2019, marks the two-hundred-thirty-second anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mark Dehen, Mayor of North Mankato, by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of North Mankato do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23 as:

CONSTITUTION WEEK

And ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 68-19 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.

- C. Approved Audio Permits for the Circle Inn at 232 Belgrade Avenue for September 19, 20, 25, 27 and 28, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- D. Set a Public Hearing for October 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the Abatement of the Property Located at 415 Webster Avenue.
- E. Set a Public Hearing for October 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the Abatement of the Property Located at 229 Allan Avenue.
- F. Res. No. 69-19 on the Proposal to Establish Tax Increment Financing District IDD No. 1-26 and Calling for Consultation with Other Affected Jurisdictions and Public Hearing.
- G. Set a Public Hearing for October 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Imposing a One Half of One Percent Food & Beverage Sales Tax.

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

Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

None.

Business Items

Res. No. 70-19 Approving a Proposed Tax Levy.

Finance Director McCann reported the proposed tax rate is 50.311% is a decrease of .639% from 2019. The total tax levy will capture new growth and produce nearly \$111,000 in additional spending. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland to adopt Res. No. 70-19 Approving a Proposed Tax Levy. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Res. No. 71-19 Accepting Bid Project No. 19-02A Carol Court Force Main Improvements

City Engineer Sarff reported the project is the installation of sanitary sewer force main pipe by directional drilling. It is a very specialized construction method, and few companies can perform the work. GM Contracting, Inc., out of Lake Crystal was the low and only bid at \$205,116.57 which is approximately 2.8% over the Engineers Estimate of \$199,603.00. After discussion with staff it is recommended that Council award the bid. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Res. No. 71-19 Accepting Bid Project No. 19-02A Carol Court Force Main Improvements. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

Open Forum

Alma Erkel, 1586 Sherwood Drive, appeared before Council and reported damage from deer.

Susan Beetsch, 925 Lake Street, appeared before Council and reported damage from deer and stated she thinks the deer are causing erosion.

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and reported damage from deer.

City Administrator and Staff Comments

None.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Oachs encouraged residents and business owners to come out for the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Food and Beverage Tax. She encouraged people to come out for Bier on Belgrade on September 21, 2019.

Council Member Norland thanked City staff for their work on managing the erosion issues on Lake Street.

Council Member Whitlock encouraged people to attend Bier on Belgrade from noon to 10:00 p.m.

Council Member Whitlock reported he received an email from Gary Doering who lives on Sherwood Street. Mr. Doering reported he moved to North Mankato to enjoy the wildlife and encouraged residents to plant deer-resistant plants not kill the deer.

Mayor Dehen reported Council Member Whitlock, Community Development Director Fischer and himself attended the annual REDA meeting where the City received an award for ten years of participation. He encouraged people to review the REDA Annual Report at https://issuu.com/greatermankatogrowth/docs/2018-2019_reda_annual_review

Mayor Dehen invited residents to Coffee with the Council on Saturday, September 28th from 10 to 11 am at Sota Sisters, at 1754 Commerce Dr. Suite 104.

At 8:46 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner the Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk