

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Council Open Forum of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on February 20, 2018. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m. The following were present for roll call: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Steiner, Norland, and Freyberg, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Council Member Whitlock.

**Open Forum**

Mayor Dehen welcomed the citizens to the Open Forum and noted the forum would be limited to 15 minutes and each speaker to 3-minutes.

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and stated he had requested contact from City staff concerning the deer count, he wanted access to the deer count when completed and he wanted to have someone look at his property, and no one had contacted him. Council Member Norland stated the Council had never approved a deer count. Mayor Dehen said he had requested information from the Police concerning deer incidents. He reported there were eight since 2016. Four were on Judson Bottom road, two on Lookout Drive and two on Lee Boulevard. Mayor Dehen noted at this point there would not be a deer count. Mayor Dehen stated he would have a staff member look at Mr. Hagen's property. Mr. Hagen also requested clarification on the Rental Density Advisory Committee and if they had made a final report on the 10% rental density cap. Mayor Dehen indicated he believed the final report was given to Council last fall.

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, stated he had concerns about the deer eating his garden and reported his neighbor does not have new trees growing in his ravine because the deer are eating the tops off. He thanked City staff for keeping the roads safe during the ice on Monday.

Stefanie Jaquet, 505 Wheeler Avenue, requested information on when the City Council planned on having a workshop to discuss the League of Minnesota Cities workshop that was held in December of 2017. It is also noted the same comments from Ms. Jaquet should have appeared in the February 5, 2018, Open Forum Minutes.

Lucy Lowry, 2263 Northridge Drive, appeared before Council requested clarification on if the City has conducted Active Violence Active Shooter (AVAS) training for City staff. City Clerk Van Genderen stated Lieutenant Forster presented an AVAS training to City staff in the fall of 2017. Ms. Lowry noted the public might be interested in AVAS training. City Clerk Van Genderen said Lieutenant Forster has been conducting AVAS training to organizations throughout the City. Ms. Lowry indicated maybe training open to the public would be beneficial. Mayor Dehen noted the idea would be discussed with the Police Department.

Mayor Dehen closed the Open Forum at 8:35 p.m.

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