

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Council Work Session of the North Mankato City Council was held in the North Mankato Spring Lake Warming Shelter on February 11, 2019. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The following were present for roll call: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Steiner, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director McCann, Public Works Director Host and City Clerk Van Genderen.

Discuss Five Year Extension of Contract for the Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials

Mayor Dehen noted the Intergovernmental Committee discussed the solid waste and recycling contract with West Central Sanitation. He noted both cities were pleased with the services provided and Mankato would be recommending a five-year contract extension.

City Administrator Harrenstein reviewed the history of the contract with West Central Sanitation and noted the current contract is good through December 31, 2019, and language in the contract allows for a one 5-year contract renewal or five 1-year contract renewals. He stated City staff is recommending a 5-year renewal.

City Administrator Harrenstein reported solid waste collection has remained steady (3,466 tons in 2015 to 3,422 tons in 2018) and recycling has increased significantly (1,251 tons in 2015 to 1,905 tons in 2018) since West Central took over the contract in 2015. He introduced Don Williamson, President of West Central Sanitation and Ray Sweetman, Chief Operations Officer of West Central Sanitation. City Administrator Harrenstein reviewed the actual and projected costs from 2015-2024. The review of the cost estimates for West Central Sanitation services for solid waste costs in 2015 was \$165,444 and an estimate for 2024 is \$217,584, this estimate is dependent on growth as the cost is figured per unit. Recycling cost in 2015 was \$129,003 with an estimate for 2024 at \$170,358. Mayor Dehen requested information on subscription organic composting. Mr. Sweetman reported there had been talks about the service and West Central could provide additional information and preliminary numbers to the Council. Council Member Norland requested information on the service being offered to businesses, restaurants, and bars. Council Member Norland requested clarification on if the global recycling issues affected the City's recycling. Mr. Sweetman reported because of the bigger contract there has not been a decrease in the company's ability to offer services. The City's recycling is processed by Demcon, and there may be additional costs associated with the processing. City Administrator Harrenstein highlighted two subscriptions offered by West Central Sanitation. West Central will provide curb to residence cart pick-up for those who are unable to bring their carts to the curb. West Central also offers a yard waste subscription where they will pick-up yard waste for residents. City Administrator Harrenstein stated West Central would provide organics recycling subscription information before the contract is presented to Council.

Ravine Inspection Update

Public Works Director Host reported the City is in the process of inspecting the City's ravines. He presented a drainage map showing the ravines and their drainage areas. He reviewed current areas that have pipe and areas without piping. Public Works Director Host noted in 2018 the City inspected ravines in Northridge and some southern ravines along Lookout Drive. The findings included erosion at locations where piping stopped, erosion at areas without pipe, satisfactory conditions above piped areas, pipe capacity challenges in piped areas especially in areas with additional growth, and issues with sump drain lines being piped at the top of a ravine or only part of the way down into the ravine causing erosion. Public Works Director Host reviewed the proposed 2019 Planned Maintenance which included three work areas in the Northridge ravines. He noted the City would continue yearly inspections, build the historical database, ensure current corrective measures are working and identify

and fix deficiencies. Public Works Director Host reported in the future the City would like to build a program to incrementally add pipe segments, continue to evaluate storm sewer sizing, enforce sump line drainage code and continue to add underdrainage. Mayor Dehen requested clarification on if properties that had incorrect sump pump drainage would be notified. Public Works Director Host stated the property owners would be sent letters. Council Member Oachs requested clarification on if property owners could correct the issues. Public Works Director Host stated most homeowners should be able to correct the deficiencies by themselves.

2019 Street Improvement Update

Public Works Director Host presented a map that highlighted proposed sealcoat, mill and overlay, and special improvement projects. Special Improvement Projects include Benson Park Parking Lot, Commerce Drive and Tyler Avenue. Proposed Mill and Overlay Projects included Lor Ray Drive (Lee Blvd to Clare Drive), James Drive (Lor Ray Drive to Mary Lane), Haughton Ave (Howard Drive to Countryside), Roe Crest Drive (Lee Blvd to Commerce Drive) Sherwood Drive (Nottingham Drive to Cul de Sac), Spring Lake Park Parking Lot (2 East Lots) Basketball Courts at Walter S Farm, Forrest Heights and Langness Heights. The Pavement Maintenance Program (sealcoating) includes Benson park Trails (2.5 Miles), Spring Lake Park (2 west Lots .75 Miles), Center Street (1.1 Miles), Cross Street (.75 Miles) Lee Blvd and Hill (1.5 Miles), Belgrade (.85 Miles) and Carlson/Countryside/Howard/Lor Ray (3.5 Miles). The total mileage will be approximately 11 miles. City Administrator Harrenstein reported City staff would likely recommend overlay of North Ridge Drive in 2020.

Recreation Update

City Administrator Harrenstein reported staff continues to work on the feasibility study for an asset at Caswell Park. Staff continues to meet with potential user groups specifically court groups such as volleyball and tennis. He noted some size of facility would be feasible, but staff is still working through the details. City Administrator Harrenstein indicated the City Council may need to officially authorize bonding to allow talk to begin at the legislature. Mayor Dehen stated at the next Council Meeting preliminary information should be presented so it can be presented at the legislation in March.

Revenue Guide: Non Business Licenses and Permits

Finance Director McCann reviewed the Non-Business Licenses and Permits which included Building Permits, Plan Reviews, Plumbing Connection Permits, and Animal Licenses.

Mayor Dehen thanked Public Works Director Host for the street crews work to remove snow.

Council Member Oachs stated she had received a request from a resident to consider a Miss North Mankato pageant. City Council discussed the proposal and determined to gather additional information.

Mayor Dehen reported the 120th Anniversary of the City of North Mankato would be incorporated into the North Mankato Fun Days events.

Mayor Dehen closed the Council Work Session at 1:08 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk