

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 October 3, 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 Norland, Freyberg, Spears and Steiner, Finance Director McCann, Attorney Kennedy, City Planner Fischer, Public Works Director Swanson and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: City Administrator Harrenstein.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Spears, Steiner 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 September 19, 2016. Vote on the motion: Norland, Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.

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

**Public Comments**

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before Council and expressed his belief that the Mayor's letter in the City News and Views was misleading and he questioned if it violated state law because he believes it promoted the local option sales tax.

Elaine Hardwick, 806 Garfield Avenue, appeared before Council and stated her concern about mud and debris that moves down a nearby bluff and flows onto her property. Public Works Director Swanson stated the hillside has a spring that becomes a problem every 3-5 years. This year with saturated soils it is worse. He indicated he has spoken with Ms. Hardwick and plans are in place to tile and create an intake for storm sewer in the area but the weather has prevented the work.

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before Council and stated she believes monthly brush pick-up should be reinstated. She indicated she did not agree with the proposed sewer and water base rate increase, rather she believes the increase should be on the cost per gallon. Mayor Dehen indicated the cost of the facilities is increasing regardless of water usage. Ms. Church also asked if the residential and commercial rates were different. City Clerk Van Genderen indicated they were different. Ms. Church asked for clarification on the election signs. Attorney Kennedy indicated State Statute allows additional signs during an election year for a specified time.

**Business Items**

**None.**

**City Administrator and Staff Comments**

Public Works Director Swanson reported fall drop-off would be held at the Public Works Department, 610 Webster Avenue on October 14-16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to dispose of additional refuse and bulky items that are not collected as part of the regular garbage service.

Public Works Director Swanson stated the City of North Mankato staff brought equipment and man hours to local areas hit by flooding.

Mayor Dehen stated he spoke with Emergency Management who thanked North Mankato staff for their work.

**Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Dehen stated Coffee with the Council will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the American Bar located at 503 Belgrade Avenue.

Mayor Dehen indicated Dakota Meadows, Hoover and Garfield schools would be participating in Bike and Walk to School week by encouraging students to bike or walk to school on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> so drivers should be aware of possible increased student activity.

Mayor Dehen stated Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Dino's Pizzeria will be holding a Firemen's Relief Association Fundraiser.

Mayor Dehen reported Greater Mankato Growth would be hosting a sales tax educational public meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1001 Belgrade Avenue.

**Public Comments**

**None.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk