

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Council Workshop of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on August 1, 2011. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following were present for the Workshop: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Schindle, Freyberg and Steiner, Administrator Sande, Finance Director Mork, Clerk Gehrke, Public Works Director Peterson, Water Superintendent Rader, Street Superintendent Swanson, Library Director Lowry, Building Inspector Royer, Construction Inspector Haayer, Police Chief Boyer and Fire Chief Pohlman. Absent: Council Member Norland and Park Superintendent Mettler.

The purpose of the Council Workshop was to review departmental budget requests for the proposed 2012 Budget and the 2012-2016 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plans. Department heads in attendance presented their individual budget requests and Capital Improvement Plans and responded to questions.

Council Member Freyberg voiced his concern about the number of vehicles listed in the 2012 Budget and stated the prudent course of action with a budget cut of \$750,000 is not to make purchases or give money away. He stated vehicles are built to run 250,000 miles.

Council Member Freyberg asked about the possibility of buying a used tandem dump truck and other equipment. Staff responded some equipment is purchased used if available such as the asphalt paver scheduled for purchase in 2013.

Administrator Sande reported he is preparing a report for the Caswell Park, Benson Park and Spring Lake Park improvements as listed in the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. He reported notice has been received that the Legacy Fund will not be awarding grants this year which will affect the schedule of the work planned for Benson Park.

There being no further business, the Council Workshop was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk