

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Council Workshop of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on January 18, 2011. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The following were present for the meeting: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Norland, Schindle, Freyberg and Steiner, Administrator Sande, Finance Director Mork, and City Clerk Gehrke.

Council Assignments and Appointments

The Council reviewed the Council assignments and appointments for 2011. Discussion was held regarding the North Mankato/Mankato Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee. Council Member Freyberg stated his intent for this committee was to brainstorm for new creative ways for the two cities to work together and to bring Councilors together without staff. Council Member Steiner stated he believes it is important to have the City Manager and City Administrator involved in these meetings. It was noted the Mayor would be responsible for the meeting minutes. The 2011 Council Assignments and Appointments were referred to the Council meeting for action.

2011 Budget

The 2011 Budget books were distributed to the Council. Administrator Sande reported all budget items have been included in the budget books and requested any questions be directed to the Finance Director or City Administrator.

Police Contract

Administrator Sande presented the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Patrol Officers. He reported the Agreement calls for no increase in wages with the proviso there will be no Patrol Officer layoffs in 2011. The other changes to the Agreement included accumulated compensatory time from a maximum of 100 hours to 120 hours and a wording change for callbacks. The Police Chief has reviewed and the Union Steward has agreed to the Memorandum of Understanding. This item was referred to the Council meeting for action. Council Member Norland thanked the Patrol Officers for their consideration of the Agreement.

Soccer Complex

Administrator Sande presented a site plan of the North Mankato Soccer Complex reporting that I & S Engineers have been working with staff and the Soccer Association on the layout of the soccer fields. The site plan presented is in the process of being revised to eliminate the smaller fields and maximize regulation size fields for use in tournament play. The Soccer Association plans for one premier field that would be lighted at this complex for championship games. The proposed plan calls for site improvements for the soccer complex to occur in 2011 and 2012. Discussion was held on the access to and location of the parking lot.

Grant from Alliance Pipeline

Administrator Sande presented notification of a grant received in the amount of \$5,000 from Alliance Pipeline for radio equipment for the Fire Department. A thank-you will be sent to Alliance Pipeline for this grant.

Kato Klassic Bike Ride

Administrator Sande reported a request has been received for closure of Judson Bottom Road for the Kato Klassic Bike Ride the cycling group is planning for 9-11 a.m. on October 9, 2011. This request was brought before the Nicollet County Commissioners at the Liaison Committee meeting of January 10, 2011 for their approval for the closure of their portion of Judson Bottom Road. The

Council requested notification to residents along Judson Bottom Road and the necessary coordination of law enforcement officials in North Mankato and Nicollet County.

Other Business

Council Member Norland asked about the City Code regarding the handling of cats and dogs that are picked up in North Mankato. Administrator Sande reported the Police Chief will present the 2010 Police Report at an upcoming Council meeting. The report will address the number of animals picked up and the cost for the handling of the animals. The Administrator reported the City's experience has been quite good and most of the animals are claimed. An article will be placed in the upcoming *City News & Views* regarding the City Code regarding cats and dogs.

There being no further business, the Council workshop was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk