

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 October 1, 2012. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The following were present for the meeting: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Schindle, Freyberg and Norland, Interim Administrator Fischer, Finance Director Thorne and City Clerk Gehrke. Absent: Council Member Steiner.

**Continuation of 2013 Budget Discussion
Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2013-2017**

Finance Director Thorne presented the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2013-2017 for the Council's review. Under Public Buildings, Interim Administrator Fischer reported the \$20,000 for removal of the underground storage tank at the Municipal Building could be removed since this project is being completed in 2012 for the amount of \$7,000. He also reported the #1 priority is the replacement of the heating and air conditioning in the Municipal Building since no additional repairs can be made to the unit.

The Council asked that the critical items be identified for each department. The three items identified for Police Equipment were the 5 portable radios, squad computer update to be able to link with dispatch, and the replacement of equipment for the Tactical Response Team. In the Library it was identified that the bookmobile was critical due to safety issues with the present bookmobile. The Inspection and Civil Defense Departments did not have any critical items. Replacement of the SCBA Air Packs in the amount of \$123,795 was identified as critical for the Fire Department. Replacement of the tractor in the Park Department will be partially funded by the insurance claim for the tractor that was burned, trade in of a 1998 Holder and trade in of a 1984 John Deere tractor. The Council requested the Interim Administrator clarify the use of the tractor prior to the next Budget Workshop. The Council asked if the purchase of the mower in the amount of \$85,000 could be delayed for two years. The Interim Administrator reported the Mechanic Foreman indicated the mower this would replace has a number of issues.

The Interim Administrator reported the amount of \$498,950 is the matching portion if the City receives a grant for improvements in Benson Park.

Under the Caswell North Soccer Complex, note was made of the \$150,000 donated by the Mankato United Soccer Club for improvements. The land acquisition for 2014 in the amount of \$250,000 would be for the purchase of the five acres west of Caswell Park. The Council asked if it was feasible to put an option to purchase on this five-acre parcel.

Interim Administrator Fischer reported the backhoe is the first priority for street equipment. The Council asked the Interim Administrator to review with staff and prioritize their equipment requests prior to the next Council Budget Workshop. He was also directed to see if it is possible to rent a street sweeper from Mankato.

The Interim Administrator was directed to prioritize the infrastructure rehabilitation between Cliff and Noretta.

Some discussion was held regarding the need for Well No. 9 in the hilltop and if it is possible to use excess capacity from Mankato.

The Finance Director reported she would be working with the bond consultant regarding the equipment certificate issue.

The next Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2012.

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

Mayor

City Clerk