

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on October 7, 2013. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for the meeting, Mayor Dehen, Council Members Freyberg, Spears, Steiner and Norland, Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director Thorne, Attorney Kennedy, Planner Fischer, Engineer Malm, Engineer Sarff and City Clerk Gehrke.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council Workshop of September 16, 2013 and the Council meeting of September 16, 2013. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Public Hearing, 7 p.m. – Assessment Roll for Project No. 10-01ABCDEF, CSAH 41/Carlson Drive/Howard Drive Improvements**

Mayor Dehen opened the public hearing to consider the assessment roll for Project No. 10-01 ABCDEF, CSAH 41/Carlson Drive/Howard Drive Improvements. Attorney Kennedy reported that three property owners filed objections today to the assessments and he is recommending the hearing be continued to 7 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013 to allow time to review the objections. **Council Member Freyberg moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to continue the public hearing to consider the assessment roll for Project No. 10-01ABCDEF, CSAH 41/Carlson Drive/Howard Drive Improvements, to 7 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda**

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

1. Bills and Appropriations.
2. Res. No. 61-13 Adopting Budget Reserve Policy.
3. Res. No. 62-13 Authorizing Interfund Loans.
4. Res. No. 63-13 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
5. Audio and Large Group Permit for Rasmussen/Bahlberg Wedding, Spring Lake Park, Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Ceremony 3 p.m.).
6. Res. No. 64-13 Waiving Waiting Period for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License for Holy Rosary Church, 546 Grant Avenue, to conduct a raffle on November 21, 2013.
7. Res. No. 65-13 Approving the Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment.

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

**Public Comments**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for the first time with no one appearing.

**Business Items****Res. No. 66-13 Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2014 and 2015**

Administrator Harrenstein reported negotiations have been held and an agreement reached with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., Local No. 305 representing the North Mankato Patrol Officers for a two-year contract effective January 2014 through December 31, 2015. He reported the changes from the previous contract include a 1.00 percent increase in base pay effective January 1, 2014 or equal to the average increase received by the other North Mankato municipal employees if greater than 1.00 percent and a 2.00 percent increase in base pay effective January 1, 2015 or equal to the average increase received by the other North Mankato municipal employees if greater than 2.00 percent.

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Spears, to adopt Resolution No. 66-13 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2014 and 2015. Vote on the Resolution: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Traffic & Safety Committee Minutes of September 27, 2013**

Planner Fischer presented the minutes of the September 27, 2013 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting at which two items of business were considered. The first item was a request for additional street striping on Marie Lane and review of traffic signs near Hoover Elementary School. The Traffic & Safety Committee recommended the installation of reflective material on the existing area posts which display reduced speed limits and changing existing area "Yield" signs to "STOP" signs when the useful life of the "Yield" signs expire. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the recommendation of the Traffic & Safety Committee. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.** The second request was to designate a bus pickup area on Marie Lane adjacent to Hoover Elementary School by painting the curb yellow and installing a sign which identifies the area. The Traffic & Safety Committee recommended painting a 60-foot section of the Marie Lane curb yellow and the installation of a sign designating bus parking only on school days from 2:00-3:00 p.m. **Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the recommendation of the Traffic & Safety Committee. Vote on the motion: Freyberg, Spears, Steiner, Norland and Dehen, aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Report from Council Members****Council Member Spears**

Council Member Spears thanked Administrator Harrenstein for his work regarding the operation of the Riverbend Recycling Center.

**Council Member Norland**

Council Member Norland thanked all those who donated for the purchase of the "Circle of Friends" sculpture which was placed near the North Mankato Taylor Library.

**Report from Mayor****Coffee with the Council**

Mayor Dehen reported Coffee with the Council will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at American Legion Post 518.

The Mayor thanked Jim Whitlock, Business on Belgrade and City staff for their work on the Bier on Belgrade festival which was held on Saturday, October 5, 2013. The Mayor reported 1,400 riders participated in the Mankato River Ramble on Sunday, October 6, 2013.

The Mayor welcomed the Dollar Tree Store which will be opening on Commerce Drive October 13, 2013.

The Mayor presented a letter he wrote to MnDOT Commissioner Zelle in support of the Corridors of Commerce program funding that was submitted on behalf of the Highway 14 Partnership for the completion of Highway 14.

The Mayor reported the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 14/41 Interchange will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2013.

**Public Comments**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for the second time with no one appearing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk