

The March 5th meeting of the Mankato City Council was called to order by Mayor Koester. Council members present were Becker, Abel, Dauner, Klos, and Tyler. City Attorney Miller was present.

Karen Holmes was present to discuss the demolition process for the property at 123 N. West St. Karen is requesting that the demolition be canceled or at least delayed to allow time to repair. Karen was asked if there is an estimate for the cost to repair the structure, at this time there is not but she is researching means of assistance. It was indicated that enough time has been granted already and the process should continue as laid out in the resolution 11-01-18-1. Karen stated she would like to keep what she deemed as historic building materials on the property. Council suggested that Karen continue to bring the building down on her own and retain the materials she is interested in before April 1st, after which time, the property will be demolished at her expense if not already completed.

Sherriff Jacobs was present to discuss concerns of the council. A request for an annual increase of \$2500 per year for the next three years was presented. Discussion was held regarding county and municipal funding of the Sherriff's department. Council member Klos moved and Abel seconds the motion to approve a \$2500 increase for 2020. The motion passed 5-0. Each additional annual increase must be approved by council before budgeting for that year. Discussion was held regarding archery in the city limits, more information will be provided at the April meeting.

Jenny Russell presented an overview of JCCD activities for 2018, requested hay lease funds, and discussed initiating a land bank in the City. Mayor Koester appointed Council members Abel and Klos to a committee that will pursue further information about Land Banks with Jenny Russell. Council member Becker moved and Dauner seconded the motion to approve \$3140 to JCCD from the economic development fund. The motion passed 5-0.

Trevor Elkins was present to discuss property and liability insurance options for the City. Council member Dauner moved and Tyler seconded the motion that we change our agent of record to Trevor Elkins with Heritage Insurance group. The motion passed 5-0.

Minutes from the February 5th council meeting were read. The minutes were approved as read.

Council was presented with a bid for a standby generator for the east lift station. Council member Becker moved and Abel seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a generator and transfer switch for \$18802.50. The motion passed 5-0.

Bids for the Johnson addition hay lease were opened and are as follows:

Chase Warne: \$450

Council member Tyler moved and Klos seconded the motion to approve the \$450 bid from Chase Warne. The motion passed 5-0.

Council member Klos moved and Dauner seconded the motion to approve KMU annual dues of \$1855. The motion passed 5-0.

Council member Becker moved and Klos seconded the motion to approve the Kansas Municipal Judges association dues of \$25.00. The motion passed 5-0.

Council member Becker moved and Abel seconded the motion to approve dues for The Highway 36 Association for \$50.00. The motion passed 5-0.

Council considered the interconnect agreement with Prairie Land. Council member Dauner moved and Becker seconded the motion to approve the agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

Council considered the substation purchase agreement with Prairie Land. Council member Klos moved and Abel seconded the motion to approve the \$14840 substation purchase agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

Council considered the proposed maintenance agreement between the City of Mankato and Prairie Land. Council member Becker moved and Abel seconded the motion to approve the maintenance agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

Council was updated on the CDBG time extension.

Council was updated on the KDHE wastewater permit renewal and variance application.

Council considered ordinance 722, an updated version of the standard CMB statute reflecting changes to the definition of CMB to include up to 6% alcohol. Council member Dauner moved and Tyler seconded the motion to approve ordinance 722. The motion passed 5-0.

Council considered ordinance 723, an updated version of the standard CMB special event permit statute reflecting changes in the definition of CMB to include up to 6% alcohol. Council member Dauner moved and Tyler seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 723. The motion passed. 5-0.

Council member Becker moved and Abel seconded the motion to enter a 5 minute executive session to consult with the City Attorney regarding privileged information. The motion passed 5-0. Council entered executive session at 9:34. Council emerged at 9:39. No action was taken.

Council member Becker moved and Abel seconded the motion to approve the bills. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

Donald H. Koester,
Mayor

Chris Rhea
City Administrator