

The April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 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.

Richard and Candace Dewey were present to discuss a building permit for 301 South East St. Council member Becker moved and Dauner seconded the motion to approve the application. Motion passed 5-0.

Jenny Russell was present to discuss the creation of a city land bank. Ordinances to establish land banks and empty building mitigation were discussed. Council members Klos and Abel reviewed information from their efforts on the Land Bank committee including experiences of other communities that have used land banks. Discussion was held regarding the appointment a land bank board. Consensus of the council is to move forward with steps to create a land bank.

Minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. The minutes were approved as read.

Council member Klos discussed maintenance issues with the Ute theater. The gutter on the west side of the building will be replaced.

Council was presented with updated pricing on the lift station generator. The updated price is \$17,422.50. Abel moved and Becker seconded the motion to approve the purchase. The motion passed 5-0.

Council was updated on potential grant applications for an informational sign on Hwy 36 and a downtown mural.

Council was presented with the cost for repair of the walk-in cooler at the community center. The cooler will be repaired at a cost of \$5041.

Discussion was held regarding part time temporary summer help for the mowing season. An ad will be placed for the seasonal position.

Discussion was held regarding placing the John Deere loader on the Jewell County consignment auction. The loader will be placed on the auction with a reserve of \$5500.

Council was updated regarding the option to sell or retire Renewable Energy Credits. The city will sell the R.E.C.s on the market through KMEA.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

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Donald H. Koester,  
Mayor

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Chris Rhea  
City Administrator