

The June 4th, 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.

Carol Torkelson was present for the Community Development Block Grant final performance hearing. Mayor Koester opened the hearing at 7pm. Carol presented a review of the grant projects. The total spent on the project was over \$340,000. The average cost of rehabilitation was \$34,207 per unit. Nine homes were rehabilitated and one was demolished. There was no public comment. The hearing was adjourned.

Carol Torkelson also updated the council on NCRPC efforts to aid cities with nuisance abatement. NCRPC charges are based on the number of parcels in the community. In the communities they have partnered with, the process has been done in several phases. The assistance with nuisance abatement has been successful. It is unsure when or if NCRPC will offer the service to other communities at this time as the process is very time and staff intensive.

Sheriff Jacobs was present to discuss any concerns of the city.

Jenny Russell was present to discuss summer internships. Mariah Tobin and Emily Cox will intern for 2 months this summer for Jewell County Community Development, sponsored by Dane G. Hansen. The interns will be working on community redevelopment and marketing.

The minutes of the May 7th meeting were read. The minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Koester provided a review of his attendance at the Kansas Municipal Utility conference.

Discussion was held regarding the prospective Land Bank Ordinance 724. Council member Tyler moved and Becker seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 724 creating a landbank once language requiring that appointed board members be qualified electors of the City of Mankato is added. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Jensen was present to discuss a property on South Commercial Street. He was concerned about the tall grass and weeds as well as mice inside the house. The City administrator indicated that a notice had been sent to the property owner of record and currently the property is within the allotted time to abate the nuisance. In addition, Carl was concerned that the drainage that runs along his property is becoming plugged. Carl also discussed a long-standing concern regarding a missing concrete support pedestal on the exposed portion of sewer main through the drainage. The City will address the drainage concerns as conditions allow, and will determine if structural components of the sewer main are missing and mitigate as necessary.

A building permit application for Jewell County Justified at 610 E. South St. was considered. Council member Tyler moved and Klos seconded the motion to approve the building permit application. The motion passed 4-0, with council member Dauner abstaining.

A building permit application for BD Construction & GMLV Architecture at Jewell County Hospital was considered. Council member Tyler moved to approve the building permit application for the Jewell County Hospital and Becker seconded, the motion passed 5-0.

A building permit application for Rick Gardner at the carwash at 120 N. Center St was considered. The City Administrator will meet with Rick and address some concerns of the council.

A CMB Special Event Permit application for the Mankato Volunteer Fire Dept. at the Jewell County Fairgrounds was considered. Council member Tyler moved and Klos seconded the motion to approve the permit application. The motion passed 4-0 with council member Becker abstaining.

A CMB Special Event Permit application for the Mankato Volunteer Fire Dept. at City Park was considered. Council member Dauner moved and Klos seconded the motion to approve the permit application. The motion passed 4-0 with council member Becker abstaining

Council considered APPA dues. Council member Dauner moved and Becker seconded the motion to approve the \$650 dues. The motion passed 5-0.

Council was updated on the Capital Improvement Planning Process. Information was provided regarding the operation and status of the sewer collection and treatment system. More information will be provided at the July meeting.

Council was updated on the housing demo at 123 N. West St. Karen Holmes is willing to sell the property for \$1000 to be applied to fines assessed against the property. Council member Abel moved and Dauner seconded the motion to offer \$1000 for the lot at 123 N. West St. The motion passed 5-0.

Council was presented with an employee probationary period review. No action was necessary.

Council member Becker moved and Tyler seconded the motion to go into executive session at 9:45 for 10 minutes citing attorney client privilege. The motion passed 5-0. Council emerged from executive session at 9:55. No action was taken.

Council member Dauner moved and Tyler seconded the motion to pay the bills. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

Donald H. Koester,

Mayor

Chris Rhea

City Administrator