



## MINUTES OF MANKATO CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mankato City Council was called to order by Council President, Sam Becker beginning at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022. Councilmen present were: Sam Becker, Kevin Ost, Rodney Payne, George Hennion and Lyle Dauner. Mayor, Justin Schoonover was absent. Also present was City Attorney, Darrell E. Miller and Interim City Clerk, Sharon McCormick.

Visitors present were: Don Koester; Sheriff Don Jacobs; Jim Zadina; Kyra Lampe; Jason Ortman, Darren Prince, KMEA; Jason Schultz, KRWA; Larry Steele, Miller & Associates.

Councilman Becker requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kyra Lampe and Jason Ortman presented information regarding the Kansas Road Trip and requested that the city consider making a contribution to meet the expected budget and cost. The council deferred on the issue of a contribution until the business section of the meeting.

Darren Prince gave a presentation on the current electric rates of the City of Mankato and the financial status of the electrical department. The council requested the Darren consult with the employees of the electrical department concerning possible future expenses for improvements and prepare an additional report including any proposed rate increases.

Jason Schultz, KRWA, made a presentation concerning the City's source water protection plan. Schultz agreed to provide the City with a digital copy of the research concerning the protection plan and also a complete copy of the hard file.

Larry Steele, Miller & Associates, requested that the Council approve the proposed request for bids for the swimming pool. Councilman Dauner moved to approve the request; Councilman Ost seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Koester updated the Council on the plans for installation of a sound system and TV screen in the Community Center.

Jim Zadina reported on the progress of the sewer project and the Council discussed with Jim the need for plans for street maintenance in the coming year. Jim agreed to provide the Council with a proposal for street repairs.

Councilman Payne moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion, Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Ost moved to approve the scheduled payment to APAC on the City waterline project. Councilman Payne seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Hennion moved to approve the requested payment to members of the volunteer fire department. Councilman Ost seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

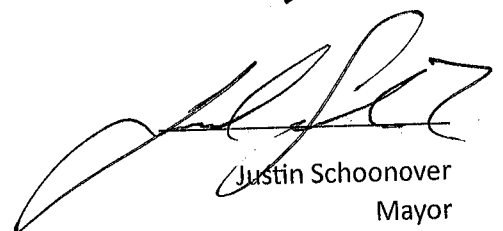
Councilman Hennion moved to make a contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Kansas Road Trip Committee. Councilman Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

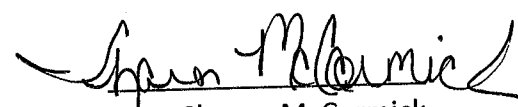
The Council discussed needed water meter replacement and requested that the Clerk ask Matt Badger, head of the water department to replace the defective meters within 60 days. The Council requested Matt appear at the February council meeting to report on the progress.

The Council discussed the need for cement for railing at the Community Center.

The Council discussed the status of the contract extended to Brogan Jones. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ~~8:30~~ 9:45 J.S.

  
Justin Schoonover  
Mayor

  
Sharon McCormick  
Interim City Clerk