



## MINUTES OF MANKATO CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mankato City Council was called to order by the Mayor, Justin Schoonover beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2023. Mayor Justin Schoonover was present. Councilmen present were Sam Becker, Kevin Ost, Rodney Payne, and Lyle Dauner, George Hennion. Also present was City Attorney, Darrell E. Miller and Interim City Clerk, Sharon McCormick.

Visitors present were: Mark Fleming; City Employee, Marvin McCormick; City Employee, Jim Zadina; Kyra Lampe; Lisa Goodheart; Bill & Marianna Harris; Shelby Dennard; Lori Zadina

Mayor Schoonover requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Harris advised the council that and his wife were purchasing the property in undeveloped Fairview Addition to the City of Mankato. Mr. Harris requested that the council vacate the streets and alleys in the addition. City attorney, Miller presented Mr. & Mrs. Harris with a copy of the statute they will need to follow in order to petition the city council for vacation of the streets and alleys.

Kyra Lampe and Lisa Goodheart explained the benefits of Jewell County Community Development being approved for e-community status. Kyra and Lisa requested that the council review the status of lease payments from the hay land for the years 2019, 2021 and 2023.

Lori Zadina, speaking for herself and other concerned citizens, discussed truck parking on West Webster Street. An extended discussion followed, including the review of the parking restrictions of the standard traffic code for small cities, which has been adopted by the City of Mankato. No action was taken.

City employee, Marvin McCormick reported on electrical issues in the City and addressed the needs of the City to buy additional poles. No formal action was taken.

City employee, Jim Zadina reported that he had bought asphalt for street repairs and needed to buy additional asphalt. The Council advised Jim to buy what asphalt was needed and what could be paid for within the budget. Jim advised the Council that he had discussed with the County Road Supervisor trading use of the city rubber tire roller for the County hauling asphalt for the city. No formal action was taken but the Council advised Jim that the arrangement appeared to be appropriate and in the best interest of both the City and the Council.

Councilman Becker moved to approve the bill from Hall Brothers in the amount of \$85,118.06 for asphalt purchased to repair City streets. Councilman Payne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council then considered Ordinance No. 738, which had been prepared by the City Attorney at the request of Jewell County Strong to rezone certain lands from residential to commercial for purposes of constructing the Fitness Center. Councilman Becker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 738. Councilman Payne seconded the motion. Councilman Dauner, Ost, Becker & Payne voted for the motion; Councilman Hennion voted nay. Councilman Hennion then asked if the matter could be discussed further, and a discussion ensued. After the discussion, Councilman Hennion requested that the matter be voted on again. Councilman Becker then moved to approve the Ordinance No. 738, Councilman Dauner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council had a discussion concerning the hiring of a City Administrator. It was agreed that the City Attorney would contact the Kansas League of Municipalities and arrange for a zoom conference at the July City Council meeting.

The Council then considered the building permit of Rodney Payne. Councilman Ost moved to approve the building permit. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0 with Councilman Payne abstaining.

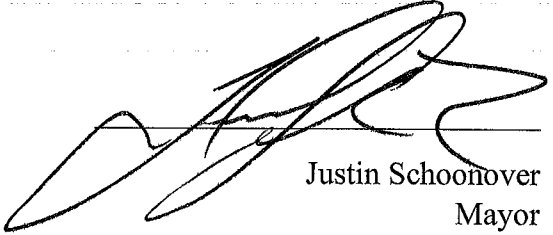
The Council discussed delinquent accounts.

The Council discussed the heating unit at the Community Center. Councilman Dauner moved to approve the bid of Mankato Plumbing and Appliance in the amount of \$13,299.00 to replace the heating and cooling unit. Councilman Becker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

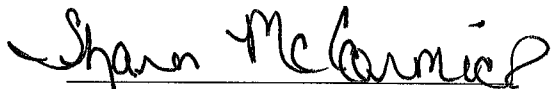
The Council discussed the memorial bench, which had been placed at the City Park and no formal action was taken.

The Council discussed the hail damage claim for the City's property. City Clerk Sharon McCormick advised the Council that she had contacted the Council's insurance agent who had advised that he would report the losses to the City's insurance carrier and request that an adjustor be assigned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Due to the next meeting date falling on July 4, it was agreed that the meeting would be scheduled for the next Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.



Justin Schoonover  
Mayor



Sharon McCormick  
Interim City Clerk