

The May 7th, 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.

Claire Mullen from OCCK was present to discuss a bike share program. The organization would like to place a 5-bike rental station in town, paid for by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The bike share will be operated by Zagster, who will maintain the bikes. Claire proposed using parking stalls at the Library to place the bike rack. Council member Tyler moved and Becker seconds the motion to approve the bike rack working with the City Administrator to identify a functional location. The motion passed 5-0.

Minutes from the April 2nd, 2019 council meeting and April 22nd special meeting were read. The minutes were approved as read.

Council was updated with quotes for house demolition for the properties deemed unsafe/unfit. Council member Becker moved and Abel seconded the motion to accept the bid of Thunder Enterprises for \$5000 to perform the demo on the home at 123 N. West St. The motion passed 5-0.

With the consent of the Council, the Mayor appointed:

City Administrator/City Clerk: Chris Rhea

City Attorney: Darrell Miller

City Treasurer: Carol Wakefield

Municipal Judge: Scott Wright

Council was updated on the interviews of the Pool Manager candidates. Council member Abel moved and Tyler seconded the motion to offer the position to Kaylee Hadle. The motion passed 5-0.

The council considered Jennifer Bruns for an open position on the Library Board. Council member Becker moved and Abel seconded the motion to approve the nomination of Jennifer Bruns to the library board. The motion passed 5-0.

The Council considered a CMB License for Jewell County Justified, LLC. Council member Klos moved and Becker seconded the motion to approve the CMB license. The motion passed 5-0.

The Council considered a special event permit for Jewell County Justified, LLC. Council member Becker moved and Tyler seconded the motion to approve CMB special event permit. The motion passed 5-0.

The Council considered a Mental Health Month Proclamation. The Mayor Proclaims May as Mental Health Month.

Discussion was held regarding the City owned property at 205 N. Commercial. The City will retain the property and offer it for rent at a rate of \$65/month.

Council was presented with options for software and system upgrades to the current accounting system, allowing online payment by credit card and city court system tracking. More information will be provided.

Council discussed funding new landscaping plants around the Mankato sign at the east end of town. City administrator will work with the extension agency to purchase plants and needed materials.

Council discussed the usage of shipping containers in the City Limits. Building permits would be required in those circumstances.

Landbank and vacant building ordinances were reviewed. Discussion was held. Council will continue to review the draft ordinances and further discussion will be held at the June meeting.

Discussion was held regarding uniform code enforcement. Discussion was held regarding the options available through existing ordinance to deal with nuisance vehicles and properties through the City Court.

Council member Abel moved and Becker seconded the motion to enter Executive session for consultation with the City Attorney for 15 minutes. The motion passed 5-0. Council entered executive session at 9:23.

Council emerged from executive session at 9:38. Council member Abel moved to go back in to executive session for five minutes and Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Council entered executive session at 9:38. Council emerged from executive session at 9:43.

Council member Abel moved and Tyler seconded the motion to authorize the city attorney to file suit on behalf of the City against Kevin Thompson to recover the unpaid balance of a revolving loan. The motion passed 5-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Donald H. Koester,
Mayor

Chris Rhea
City Administrator