



MINUTES OF MANKATO CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 4, 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 April 4, 2023. Mayor Justin Schoonover was present. Councilmembers 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: The Library Board; Amy McDill; Don Koester; Trevor Elkins, Mahin Insurance;

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

Amy McDill requested permission to place a park bench at the city pond on behalf of the class of 2025 in memory of Gavin Garst. The council approved.

Trevor Elkins provided information regarding the City's comprehensive insurance policy. The matter was tabled until the May meeting.

Sara Grout gave a presentation on behalf of the Mankato City Library of various projects planned by the library, and requested that the library be allowed to use the city facilities free of charge. The council discussed the matter and agreed that as the City Library was a part of the city, the library should be allowed to use the city facilities free of charge. Councilman Dauner made a motion to allow the City Library to use the city facilities free of charge with scheduling to be made through the city office. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell, appeared via Zoom with a proposed resolution authorizing repair and reconstruction of the sewer lines in the City of Mankato and providing for payment of cost. Councilman Dauner moved that Resolution #2023-01 be passed. Councilman Becker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Koester presented an application for a building permit from Dave Fullerton and suggested that the council approve the application. Councilman Becker moved to approve the application of Dave Fullerton for a building permit. Councilman Payne seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Council had a phone conference with Larry Steele regarding the painting of the swimming pool. After discussion, the council determined that sand need not be added to the paint on the floor of the pool.

Councilman Payne moved to approve the March minutes and the city bills as presented. Councilman Ost seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Becker moved to approve the payment to Miller & Associates, in the amount of \$75,126 for sewer designs. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Dauner moved to approve the payment of \$10,000 to North Central Regional Planning Commission for services performed on the sewer project. Councilman Becker seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Christina Jeffery appeared and discussed the splash pad. Christina advised that she felt it necessary to resign as chairperson of the project.

Councilman Becker made a motion that when funds were available to complete the project, the splash pad be installed by the swimming pool. Councilman Ost seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Hennion opposing the motion.

Councilman Dauner moved to approve the statement of adoption of the Sourced Water Protection Plan. Councilman Ost seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the quote from Pierce Electronics for the Scada System. No action was taken.

The Council discussed the need for a new checking account for the sewer project and directed the City Clerk to open the account at The State Exchange Bank.

Councilman Ost made a motion to accept a bid from Mankato Plumbing for the gas line to the generator with a request for an anticipated date of completion. Councilman Becker seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

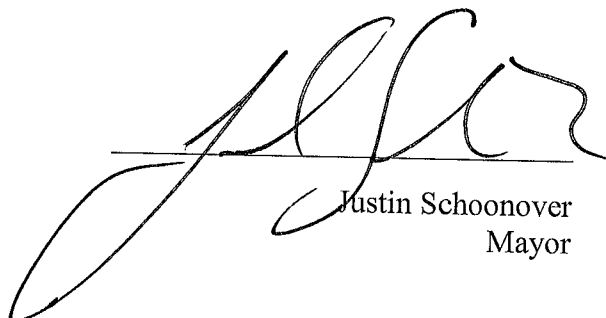
Bids for the city pasture were opened. Bids received were: Brenden Wirth - \$7,750/year; Jamey Fuller - \$7,784/year; Roy Montgomery - \$10,450/year

Councilman Becker made a motion to accept the bid of Roy Montgomery for a 3-year lease at \$10,450/year. Councilman Ost seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

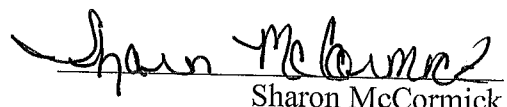
Discussion was had concerning unregistered dogs in the city. No action was taken.

Discussion was had on the issue of solar panels. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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Justin Schoonover
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon McCormick' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sharon McCormick
Interim City Clerk