



## MINUTES OF MANKATO CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 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 March 7, 2023. Mayor Justin Schoonover was present. Councilmen present were Kevin Ost, Rodney Payne, and Lyle Dauner, George Hennion. Councilman Sam Becker via Zoom for a portion of the meeting. Also present was City Attorney, Darrell E. Miller and Interim City Clerk, Sharon McCormick.

Visitors present were: Sheriff Don Jacobs; Harlow Vader, Bill Thomas, Don Hamilton & Carol Thompson, Golden Years Club; Trevor Elkins, Mahin Insurance; Shelby Denard; Brian Shulda, Mankato Fire Dept; Darren Prince, KMEA appeared by zoom.

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

Sheriff Don Jacobs gave a brief report of activities of his office within the City.

Brian Shulda representing the Mankato Fire Department requested that the council approve a bid from Senger Construction in the amount of \$18,698.00 to replace the overhead doors and a walk-in door at the fire station. The council reviewed the bid of Senger Construction. Councilman Dauner moved to approve the repairs as per the bid. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, motion passed 4-0, with one absent.

Trevor Elkins presented the council with the renewal quote from EMC for the City's comprehensive policy. Elkins advised that the premium would increase from \$65,730 for 2022 to \$84,242 for 2023. Elkins explained the reason for the increase. The policy renewal date is in April and it was agreed that the City would pay the 1st month's premium and that Elkins would present additional information at the April 4th meeting and the matter would be reconsidered during that time.

Carol Thompson discussed the use of the Community Center by The Golden Years Club and the need to reschedule meal dates that were cancelled due to inclement weather. The council agreed that the Center could be used as needed to make up the missed dates. Carol also discussed the issue of cleaning the grease trap, and it was agreed that a city employee would clean the grease trap as needed as has occurred in the past.

Darren Prince, KMEA, presented a comprehensive electric rate review, which included a possible distribution rebuild, street light replacement and the purchase of 5 CAT diesel generators. It was agreed that Darren and other members of KMEA would prepare a proposed contract and submit it for the City Attorney's review and that the matter would be discussed again at the May 2nd council meeting.

Lyle Dauner moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Ost seconded. Motion passed 4-0, with 1 absent.

The issue of a location for the splash pad was discussed with no formal action taken.

The Council reviewed a proposal from Advanced Microbial Solutions for sludge removal at the sewer ponds. It was agreed that city employees would obtain an updated bid for sludge removal at cell #1 and that the matter would be placed on the agenda for action at the April 4th meeting.

Lyle Dauner moved to make the final payment in the amount of \$232,544.39 to APAC Construction for completion of Phase 1 of the water project. Councilman Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 absent.

The issue of a COLA increase in wages for the city employees was discussed. Councilman Payne moved for a 3% COLA increase. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 absent.

City Attorney Miller presented information to the Council for need for easements for sewer line replacement. Miller presented a letter for the mayor to sign directed to be sent the property owners for the needed easements. The Mayor signed the letters on behalf of the City.

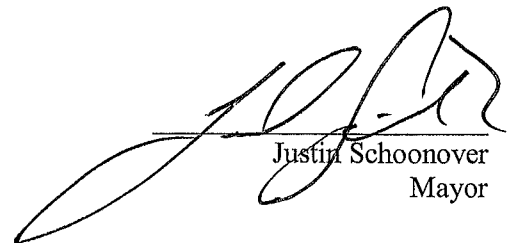
A motion was made by Councilman Hennion to establish rates at the Mankato Swimming Pool for the 2023 season with a family rate of \$110.00, single member pass at \$50.00, a daily pass of \$4.00 and \$50.00 for rental of the pool for special occasions. Councilman Ost seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 absent.

Discussion was had concerning the damage to a sidewalk caused by an automobile wreck, which resulted in cost incurred for concrete and labor. It was agreed that the City Clerk would present the damage statement to the Sheriff, who would present it to the Court with a request that the driver make restitution for any damages not covered by insurance.

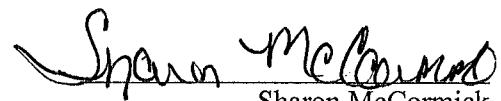
City Clerk Sharon McCormick requested clarification for rental costs for rental of the armory and the meeting room at the community center. It was agreed that the daily rental rate would be as set forth in the City of Mankato Facility Rent Agreement.

Councilman Hennion moved that the City approve the cereal malt beverage permit for Kansas Mammoth Festival, Inc., for sale of cereal malt beverages at the Kansas Mammoth Festival to be held on June 16 & 17, 2023. Councilman Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Justin Schoonover  
Mayor



Sharon McCormick  
Interim City Clerk