



MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mankato City Council was called to order by Mayor Justin Schoonover beginning at 7:00 P.M. on March 8, 2022. Councilmen present were: Sam Becker, John Tyler, Kevin Ost, George Hennion and Lyle Dauner. Also present were City Attorney Darrell Miller and Interim City Clerk Sharon McCormick.

Visiting present were Sheriff -Don Jacobs, City Employee -Matthew Badger, City Employee -Marvin McCormick, Don Koester -City Planning Commission, Trevor Elkins -Mahin Insurance, Amanda Horn -NCK Regional Planning Commission, Tiffany Hollerich -Mankato City Library, Angela & Brian Murray -M&M Lawn Care.

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

Sheriff Don Jacobs discussed Awareness Week. Discussion was had with Sheriff Don Jacobs concerning traffic through the Hospital parking lot. Sheriff Don Jacobs was advised that the Hospital was going to install "No-Thru Traffic" signs and would be requesting reinforcement.

The Council was advised that a request was made by Jenny Russell to approve the release of the hay lease rental payments, and the revolving loan funds administrative payments to Jewell County Development, and the request was approved.

Don Koester requested that the Council approve the minor amendment to the building permit for 302 N Commercial. After discussion, Councilman John Tyler motioned to approve the amended building permit. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sam Becker and passed unanimously.

The bill of sale drafted by the City Attorney for transfer of the ownership of the Fairbanks/Morse gasoline engine to the Jewell County Historical Society was reviewed. Councilman Sam Becker motioned to sign the bill of sale. The motion was seconded by Councilman John Tyler and passed unanimously.

Tiffany Hollerich, on behalf of the Mankato City Library, requested that the library funds on hand at the State Exchange Bank be transferred to the City's account under the City's EIN. Motion was made by Councilman Lyle Dauner, and seconded by Councilman Sam Becker to approve the transfer. Motion passed unanimously.

Trevor Elkins, Mahin Insurance, reviewed the City's insurance coverage and the increase in premium, which resulted from the hail storm. Discussion was had concerning damage to the roof at the fire station. Councilman Lyle Dauner moved to renew the City's insurance coverage with EMC Insurance through the Mahin Insurance Agency. Councilman Sam Becker seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Horn, North Central Regional Planning Commission, discussed the water line replacement project. Amanda Horn requested that the Council consider going forward with phase 2 of the water line project. After discussion Councilman Lyle Dauner moved and Councilman Kevin Ost seconded the motion to proceed with phase 2 of the water line project and for the proper officers to sign the necessary documents. Motion passed unanimously. It was also agreed that the issue of loans for street repair would be discussed further at the April 5th council meeting.

Marvin McCormick advised the council that part-time employee, Buck Luedke, planned to attend lineman school, and wished to return to work for the City after completion of this school. Marvin McCormick requested that the City consider assisting Buck Luedke with the cost of the school, and advised the council that other cities had approved this type of assistance. He agreed to gather more information to the council at the April 5th meeting.

Matthew Badger discussed the need for repainting a portion of the swimming pool, and the continued water loss of the pool while the pool was in operation. Efforts will be made to locate the source of the water loss and make necessary repairs. The painting issue will be resolved prior to the pool opening.

Matthew Badger discussed the fact that the City's meter reader had required repair and had been shipped to the vendor. After the meter reader was returned, it was determined that the meter reader still did not work. Matthew Badger advised that he had been able to borrow a meter reader from the City of Downs and requested that the council consider purchasing a new MRX meter reader. Councilman Sam Becker moved to purchase a new MRX meter reader as suggested by Matthew Badger, the motion was seconded by Councilman John Tyler and passed unanimously.

The council reviewed the consent agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Lyle Dauner and seconded by Councilman Kevin Ost to approve the consent agenda, which included payment of the bills presented. Motion passed unanimously. The council discussed lawn care with Brian and Angela Murray. After discussion, Councilman Lyle Dauner moved and Councilman Sam Becker seconded the motion to approve a 3-year contract with M&M Lawn Care at the same prices as the previous contract. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held by zoom with a representative of Jayhawk concerning issues with training and the availability of software to perform the functions needed by the City. Following the discussion, Councilman Lyle Dauner moved to continue with Jayhawk for an additional month and to delay the G-Works proposal. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sam Becker and passed unanimously.

Councilman Lyle Dauner moved to approve the installation of gas lines by Mankato Plumbing for the generator. Motion was seconded by Councilman George Hennion and passed unanimously.

City Clerk Sharon McCormick presented the delinquent utility accounts and called the council's attention to the improvements in the status of the delinquent accounts. Sharon McCormick informed the council of the payment of the delinquent 2020 and 2021 taxes owed to the IRS and she informed the council that she believed the matter was resolved.

City Clerk Sharon McCormick informed the council of issues regarding the renting of the Community Center and the use of the kitchen. Councilman Lyle Dauner moved to continue to allow access to the kitchen subject only to the few exceptions of items not to be used. Motion was seconded by Councilman John Tyler, motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Sharon McCormick presented the proposal from Lockit or internet security and emails. Councilman John Tyler moved and Councilman Lyle Dauner seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Lockit. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had regarding the need to hire a pool manager and lifeguards for the 2022 season. Councilman Lyle Dauner moved to advertise the positions. Motion was seconded by Councilman John Tyler and passed unanimously.

Discussion was had concerning the necessity of hiring help to clean City Hall and the Community Center. Councilman Sam Becker moved to advertise the positions. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kevin Ost and passed unanimously.

Councilman Lyle Dauner moved to renew the policy of insurance with BC/BS for the City employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sam Becker and passed unanimously.

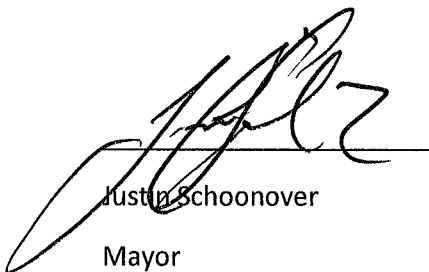
City Clerk Sharon McCormick informed the council that Prairieland Electric had failed to bill the City for 2019 to present, for tax payments due to Prairieland. Prairieland had offered to allow the City to pay the delinquent accounts in monthly payments. Councilman Sam Becker moved and Councilman Kevin Ost seconded the motion to pay the taxes monthly, as proposed by Prairieland. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had concerning the hourly wage of part-time employee, Buck Luedke. Councilman Sam Becker made a motion to increase Beck Luedke's hourly wage to \$12/hour. Motion was seconded by Councilman John Tyler. Motion passed unanimously.

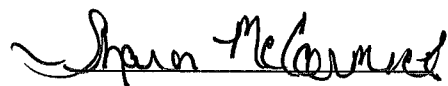
Motion was made by Councilman Lyle Dauner and seconded by Councilman John Tyler to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for consultation with the Attorney, which would be deemed privileged, under Attorney/Client privilege as provided by K.S.A. 75-431b. Motion passed unanimously and the council adjourned into executive session at 10:20 P.M. Regular session resumed at 10:35 P.M. Following resumption of the regular session, Councilman Sam Becker moved that the revolving loan to KP Truck Wash be turned over for collection. Councilman John Tyler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Sam Becker moved that the trash collecting privileges of Chief Disposal be terminated until such time as Chief Disposal pay the fees due to the City and provide proof of insurance. Motion was seconded by Councilman John Tyler and passed unanimously.

Councilman John Tyler moved to file the mortgage release on the Jewell Grocery and all the owner to deed the building to the City of Jewell. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



Justin Schoonover
Mayor



Sharon McCormick
City Clerk