

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Robert Hodapp	Ex-Officio Member
Ronald Evans	Ex-Officio Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNEXATION BY ORDINANCE OF CERTAIN LAND
TO THE CITY OF MANKATO, MINNESOTA

A hearing for the annexation of certain real estate situated in the County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota, pursuant to M.S.A. 414.03, Subd. 2, and described in the attached Order, was duly scheduled for hearing on the 13th day of October, 1967. The hearing was continued to October 23, 1967. All Commission and ex-officio members were present. The City of Mankato appeared through its attorney, K. M. Krost. Testimony was taken in behalf of the City of Mankato in support of said annexation. There was no appearance or testimony submitted in behalf of the objector, Mankato Township Board.

Mankato Township duly filed objections to said annexation within the time provided by statute, with the Minnesota Municipal Commission, by virtue of which objections, jurisdiction of said annexation vested with said Commission.

It was established that notice of such intent was duly served upon Walter Thomas, Clerk of the Mankato Township Board, and that proof of such service was duly filed with the Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota; and it was further established that notice of said hearing was duly made and posted, and that notice of the continued hearing was duly given, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Annotated 414.03, as amended, and that all of the requirements of the Statutes of the State of Minnesota have been duly complied with.

And the Commission having heard the evidence so offered and received on the part of the City of Mankato, together with all of the records, files and proceedings had and taken herein, and being fully advised in the premises, the Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota, now makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for Judgment:

FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

That due, timely and adequate notice of the annexation by ordinance and the hearing thereon, including the continued hearing, was posted, published, served and filed.

II.

That the property described herein, abuts the legal boundaries of the City of Mankato, Minnesota, and that 75% or more of the same is bordered on three sides by the municipality, that it is unplatted property, the total area comprising approximately 71.16 acres.

III.

That the proceedings were duly initiated by the serving and filing of a proper notice of intent upon Mankato Township, and gave to them sixty (60) days within which to file an objection.

IV.

That the population of the area to be annexed is approximately 25, and that the population of the City of Mankato is approximately 28,269.

V.

That the area to be annexed is approximately 71.16 acres, as compared to approximately 4,722.35 acres in the City of Mankato.

VI.

That the assessed valuation of the area to be annexed is \$12,398.00, as compared to the assessed valuation of the City of Mankato of \$17,287,642.00.

VII.

That the area to be annexed is suburban and about to become urban, is rather fully developed as residential, and that the City of Mankato is expanded in the area of the property proposed to be annexed. That it is for the best interests of the City of Mankato and the area affected, that said premises be annexed to said City. That there is an existing need for governmental services in the annexed area, which can be, and at the present time is partially furnished by the City of Mankato with the consent and approval of the Mankato Township and Blue Earth County.

VIII.

That the taxes in the area to be annexed will increase and that the increase will be commensurate with the municipal services provided by the City of Mankato to it.

IX.

That there is a present need in the area to be annexed for all municipal services, and particularly street maintenance, police and fire protection, and water and sewer service, and that in view of the future expansion of the proposed annexed area, it is expected there will be a substantial increase in population and improvement to the proposed premises.

X.

That the City of Mankato has an amply staffed and adequate police and fire department capable of providing full protection to the area to be annexed. That the City of Mankato is capable, and at the present time is, with the approval of Mankato Township and Blue Earth County, providing street maintenance and repairs in the area to be annexed. That the water supply of said City is accessible and capable of providing all water necessary for the area to be annexed and will have sufficient capacity left to meet future expansion of the City.

XI.

That the area to be annexed constitutes a small geographical part of the township of Mankato, and that it is the consensus of the City of Mankato, Mankato Township, and Blue Earth County, that it is for the best interests of these entities and all parties concerned, that the area be annexed. That the City of Mankato is in the process of phasing out its Municipal Airport, and that upon completion of this, the area proposed to be annexed will rapidly expand into a residential area.

XII.

That Mankato Township is unable to meet fundamental problems arising in the area to be annexed which are generally urban problems; namely, water, street and sewer, and have demonstrated their inability through prior actions, and the willingness to have the City of Mankato render such services in a limited manner, although outside the territorial limits of said City. That said Township does not have an adequate or accessible fire department and that it has no police department being served in this respect by the Blue Earth County Sheriff's office.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I.

The Minnesota Municipal Commission duly acquired, and now has, jurisdiction of the within proceedings.

II.

That the area to be annexed herein is so conditioned and so located as to be properly subjected to municipal government by the City of Mankato, Minnesota.

III.

That the interests of the City of Mankato and the area to be annexed would be best served by the annexation of said area to the City of Mankato, Minnesota.

IV.

Municipal government and the corresponding municipal services are required in the area to be annexed for the preservation and protection of the public health, welfare and safety in the area to be annexed and in the City

of Mankato.

V.

The Township form of government is not adequate to meet the problems found to exist in the area to be annexed.

VI.

The City of Mankato can meet the problems existing in the area to be annexed, can remedy them and provide any and all governmental service presently required and which may become necessary in the future in the area to be annexed.

VII.

An Order should be issued by the Municipal Commission ordering the annexation of the land described herein to the City of Mankato. Let an Order for such annexation be entered and filed accordingly. Enacted by the vote of the Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota, the following Order being filed.

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OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNEXATION BY ORDINANCE OF CERTAIN

LAND TO THE CITY OF MANKATO, MINNESOTA

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That certain real estate lying in and being a part of the County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 1:

Beginning at the corner of Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, Township 108 North, Range 26 West; thence West along the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 19 a distance of 1313.7 feet to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 19; thence South along said line 1329.9 feet; thence East 1318.02 feet to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 19; thence North along said line 871.6 feet; thence East parallel to the North line of said Section 20, 1325.0 feet to the East line of the West one-half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence North on said line 459.36 feet to the North line of said Section 20; thence West along said line 1325.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 53.00 acres, more or less, excepting therefrom the following:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the South 13.17 acres of the North 27.07 acres, more or less, of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19-108-26; thence East 333 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence West 333 feet; thence South 150 feet to the place of beginning and containing 1.15 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 2:

Beginning at the West Quarter corner of Section 20-108-26; thence South along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 20 a distance of 387.25 feet; thence East 181.4 feet along a line parallel to the East-West Quarter line of said Section 20; thence North 181.4 feet along a line parallel to the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence East 293.6 feet along a line parallel to the East-West Quarter line of said Section 20; thence North 205.85 feet along a line parallel to the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 20 to the East-West Quarter line of said Section 20; thence East along said line 94.4 feet; thence North 36 degrees, 52 minutes East, 381.66 feet; thence North 35 degrees, 07 minutes West, 1387.57 feet to the West line of said Section 20; thence South on said line 1443.45 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 18.27 acres, more or less;

being, and the same hereby is annexed to the City of Mankato,
Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part
thereof.

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
459 Rice Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103



Irving R. Keldsen
Secretary

Dated this 29th day of November 1967.