

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on November 21, 2022. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, asking everyone to join the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for roll call: Council Members Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, City Administrator McCann, Interim Finance Director Ryan, and City Clerk Van Genderen.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote on the motion Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye, no nays. Motion carried.**

#### **Approval of Council Minutes from November 7, 2022, Council Meeting.**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2022. Vote on the motion Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye, no nays. Motion carried.**

#### **Approval of Council Work Session Minutes from November 14, 2022, Council Work Session.**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the Council Work Session Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022. Vote on the motion Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye, no nays. Motion carried.**

#### **Proclamation**

*WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, globally, pollinators are in decline due to pressures including habitat loss and climate change; and*

*WHEREAS, cities, towns, and counties have a critical role to play in helping preserve the monarch butterfly habitat; and*

*WHEREAS, North Mankato has made significant efforts to increase pollinator habitats through prairie restoration of Benson Park and Bluff Park and incorporating pollinator plants in community gardens, green spaces, and natural yards; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mayor of North Mankato has taken the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge to demonstrate North Mankato's commitment to creating habitat and educating citizens about how they can make a difference at home.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Dehen, Mayor of the City of North Mankato, Minnesota, declare the City of North Mankato a*

### ***POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY***

*In the City of North Mankato, and encourage all North Mankato residents to join me in this special effort.*

*Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022.*

### **Consent Agenda**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Oachs, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 102-22 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 103.22 Approving Municipal Assessments
- D. Approved On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, Sunday On-Sale Liquor License, Cabaret License, and Soft Drink License for Plaza Jalisco Mexican Grill at 1123 Range Street from December 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

**Vote on the motion Whitlock, Steiner, Norland, Oachs, and Dehen aye, no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda.**

None.

### **Business Items**

None.

### **Open Forum**

Tom Hagen, 927 Lake Street, appeared before Council and requested Council issue an apology for pursuing the clean-up of a property.

### **City Administrator and Staff Comments**

City Administrator McCann reminded residents that the Taylor Library and City Hall would be closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, and November 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

City Administrator McCann thanked everyone who visited with the police during the Coffee with a Cop event on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator McCann reported that Caswell Sports received the James Farrell Award for the sixth year in a row.

City Administrator McCann invited residents to register for the Hometown Holiday Lights contest. Registration ends on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

City Administrator McCann reported that fall leaf collection is winding down, and crews expect to finish picking up on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator McCann invited everyone to Bells on Belgrade, which will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

City Clerk Van Genderen reported that she assisted Nicollet County with the Post Equipment Election Review and the machines were very accurate.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Norland thanked the staff, council, and residents for allowing her to be a Council Member for the last 16 years.

Mayor Dehen congratulated West High School as they will be competing for the State Championship on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. He also congratulated MSU Maverick's football for their continued run at a title.

At 7:14 pm, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Oachs, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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City Clerk