

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 7, 2016. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. asking that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present for roll call: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Spears, Steiner, Norland and Freyberg, City Administrator Harrenstein, Finance Director McCann, Attorney Kennedy, City Planner Fischer, Public Works Director Swanson and City Clerk Van Genderen.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of October 17, 2016. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Certificate of Recognition**

**Mayor Dehen read a Certificate of Recognition for Kim Henrickson into the record:**

*WHEREAS, Kim Henrickson has rendered service to this community which deserves special recognition; and*

*WHEREAS, Kim obtained permission to begin a Farmer's Market at the corner of Lee Boulevard and LorRay Drive bringing local consumers together with local businesses; and*

*WHEREAS, his dedication and zeal in pursuing the Farmer's Market and working to grow the market is appreciated by both the residents of the community and the City of North Mankato staff.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of all our citizens, I am pleased to tender this Certificate of Recognition to Kim Henrickson, with our sincere thanks for his hard work to help make local goods available to the City of North Mankato.*

Kim Henrickson appeared before Council and thanked the members of Messiah Lutheran Church for the use of their parking lot to host the event. He hoped next year more citizens would enjoy the farmers market.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Consent Agenda which included:**

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 82-16 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 83-16 Appointing Kevin McCann to Serve as the Plan Coordinator for the City of North Mankato's ICMA Retirement Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan.
- D. Approved Parade Permit for Business on Belgrade's, Bells on Belgrade Parade on December 3, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Business Items**

**Consider Adopting Res. No. 84-16 A Resolution Adopting a Regional Economic Development Agreement and Clarifying the Terms of the Agreement as Understood by the North Mankato City Council.** Mayor Dehen stated the Resolution clarified the City's position on the REDA Agreement and the resolution would be brought to REDA to clarify North Mankato's position. **Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner to adopt Res. No. 84-16 A Resolution Adopting a Regional Economic Development Agreement and Clarifying the Terms of the Agreement as Understood by the North Mankato City Council. Vote on the motion: Spears, Steiner, Norland, Freyberg and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**City Administrator and Staff Comments**

Public Works Director Swanson reported the fall drop-off had the most volume in recent history.

Public Works Director Swanson stated sidewalks were being poured this week and next week turf would be laid.

Public Works Director Swanson stated sprinkler installation at the municipal building would occur during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> followed by sod.

City Clerk Van Genderen reminded residents the 2016 General Election would be held on November 8, 2016 and polls would be open from 7 a.m to 8 p.m. Poll location assistance could be found on the North Mankato website or they could call City Hall at 507-625-4141. City Clerk Van Genderen thanked the Election Judges for their service during Election Day.

**Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Freyberg indicated a portion of Bluff Park was planted with prairie grass and flowers.

Council Member Norland thanked the generous donors on the donation list including \$2,000 from the Friends of the Library to the library endowment fund and Helen and Raymond Ganey family for the Paver Stone and Memorial Swing in Bluff Park.

Council Member Norland stated Council Members were invited to serve lunch with the Blue Earth County homeless response team on either the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of November. She was looking into a date to serve and encouraged the rest of the Council to also volunteer.

Mayor Dehen indicated the next Coffee with the Council would be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at 1660 Commerce Drive in the Kitchenmaster building.

Mayor Dehen congratulated Greater Mankato Growth for reaching 1,000 members.

Council Member Norland reminded residents to keep leaves out of the gutters.

**Public Comments**

None.

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk