

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 August 1, 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 Norland, Oachs, Steiner, City Administrator McCann, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Council Member Whitlock.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Council Minutes from July 18, 2022, Council Meeting.**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the Council meeting minutes of July 18, 2022. Vote on the motion Norland, Oachs, Steiner, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 71-22 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Approved an Audio Permit for St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 304 Monroe Avenue on August 21, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Risen Savior Opening Service.
- D. Approved the Audio and Parade Permit for the Mankato Brewery at 1119 Center Street on September 17, 2022.
- E. Approved an Audio Permit for the Dynamic Duos Bike Polo Tournament at the Spring Lake Park Hockey Rinks from September 9, 2022, through September 11, 2022.
- F. Approved an Audio Permit for Arlington Lane's End of the Summer Party on September 17, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- G. Accepted and Approved the July Traffic & Safety Committee Minutes and Accepted the Recommendations.
- H. Authorized the City Administrator to Execute the Labor Agreement with Local No. 394.

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

Council thanked the generous anonymous donor for the generous donation to the Police Department.

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

None.

**Business Items**

None.

**Open Forum**

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before the council and asked if the \$25,000 anonymous donation to the Police Department had additional restrictions besides being for the Police Department.

City Administrator McCann reported that the donor specified the funds to replace office furniture and improve the squad room since the current furniture is original to the building.

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, requested clarification on if North Mankato had watering restrictions.

City Administrator McCann reported that the City currently does not, but the Public Works Director and himself would monitor the situation.

**City Administrator and Staff Comments**

City Administrator McCann invited everyone to National Night Out hosted by the Taylor Library on August 2, 2022.

City Administrator McCann reported the Caswell Park groundbreaking ceremony would take place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Caswell Park.

City Administrator McCann reminded residents that the Primary Election would be held on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, with polls open from 7 am to 8 pm. He encouraged residents to review their polling locations as some may have changed due to redistricting.

City Administrator McCann reported the splash pad features will be installed the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> and will open upon final inspection.

**Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Norland thanked local environmentalist Leigh Pomeroy for his article in the Star Tribune.

Council Member Oachs reported that Blues on Belgrade went well and thanked Business on Belgrade, Katie Heintz, and Jolinda Grabiniowski for their work.

Council Member Steiner said he has received comments of dislike about the DNA slogan and requested reconsideration of the slogan.

Mayor Dehen thanked everyone who planned, assisted, and participated in Blues on Belgrade.

Mayor Dehen thanked City Planner Lassonde and Public Information Officer Brown for their work on the newly installed bike maps. The project used SHIP money to put up bike path signs around town.

At 7:10 pm, on a motion by Council Member Norland, seconded by Council Member Steiner, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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City Clerk