

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 16, 2020. City Administrator Harrenstein on March 31, 2020, under MN Statute Section 13D.021, declared the use of electronic meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 remotely through Zoom for roll call: Council Members Whitlock, Oachs and Steiner, City Attorney Kennedy, Finance Director McCann, Community Development Director Fischer, and Public Works Director Host, present in the Council Chambers for roll call: Council Member Norland, Mayor Dehen, City Administrator Harrenstein, and City Clerk Van Genderen. Citizen participation was available through teleconference.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Mayor Dehen requested the addition of a proclamation as Agenda Item #8. Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Whitlock, to approve the agenda as amended. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Approval Council Minutes from the November 2, 2020, Council Meeting.**

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of November 2, 2020. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Approval of Council Work Session Minutes from the November 9, 2020, Council Work Session.**

**Council Member Steiner moved, seconded by Council Member Norland, to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session Meeting of November 9, 2020. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, VINE Faith in Action (VINE) is an organization where volunteers who want to help others are matched with people who need a helping hand, everyone benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, VINE's founder, Pam Determan, has been the driving force and advocate for providing services for older adults in the Greater Mankato area for the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pam was the 2019 recipient of the AARP 50 over 50 Award that celebrates and recognizes Minnesotans over the age of 50 who have made significant contributions and achievements in non-profit and for-profit sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, Pam is a visionary and risk-taker who guided VINE from its humble beginnings into a strong and effective organization committed to helping neighbors in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Pam is retiring and passing on the torch to new leadership to take time to enjoy her grandchildren and perhaps exploring some new ventures.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, Najwa Massad, Mayor of the City of Mankato, and Mark Dehen, Mayor of the City of North Mankato, in the State of Minnesota, hereby proclaim, December 1st, 2020 as

### **“Pam Determan Day”**

in the cities of Mankato and North Mankato.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto signed our names and caused the seals of the cities of Mankato and North Mankato to be affixed this 1st day of December 2020.

### Consent Agenda

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

- A. Bills and Appropriations.
- B. Res. No. 86-20 Approving Donations/Contributions/Grants.
- C. Res. No. 87-20 Approving Consent Assessment-1608 Sherwood Drive.
- D. Res. No. 88-20 Approving Consent Assessment-434 Monroe Avenue.
- E. Res. No. 89-20 Approving Consent Assessment-802 Center Street.
- F. Res. No. 90-20 Approving Consent Assessment-430 Monroe Avenue.
- G. Adopted the Ravine Management Plan.
- H. Set Public Hearing for December 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. for the 2021 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 2021-2025.
- I. Res. No. 92-20 Declaring Costs to be Assessed for Municipal Charges.
- J. Set a Public Hearing for December 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to Determine if the Conditions at 229 Allan Avenue Constitute a Nuisance.

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

### Public Comments Concerning Business Items on the Agenda

None.

### Business Items

**Res. No. 91-20 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for Harrison Avenue Improvement Project, Project No. 19-05 ABCDEF and Cliff Court Improvement Project, No. 20-04 ABCDEF.**

City Administrator Harrenstein reported the requested action would allow the preparation of engineering reports. The 2021 Budget will be passed at the end of December, but there seems to be a consensus to reduce the tax rate by -.75%, allowing for the option to proceed with several projects. The reports will enable the process to begin.

**Council Member Norland moved, seconded by Council Member Steiner adopt Res. No. 91-20 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for Harrison Avenue Improvement Project, Project No. 19-05 ABCDEF and Cliff Court Improvement Project, No. 20-04 ABCDEF. Vote on the motion: Steiner, Norland, Oachs, Whitlock, and Dehen aye; no nays. Motion carried.**

### Open Forum

None.

### City Administrator and Staff Comments

Finance Director McCann reported the final documents are being prepared for the Truth in Taxation hearing scheduled for December 7, 2020.

### Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Whitlock commented that he noticed the City is working on installing the Christmas lights.

Council Member Oachs wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Norland thanked residents for their emails concerning the proposed food truck and pollinator garden ordinances. She noted these issues are not easy, and many facets of law must be considered, including City, County, State, and Federal laws.

Mayor Dehen stated he was looking forward to the Council Work Session on Monday, November 23, 2020, to come to a solution hopefully.

At 7:12 p.m. 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