



## MINUTES OF MANKATO CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mankato City Council was called to order by Mayor Justin Schoonover beginning at 7:00 p.m. on October 4, 2022. Councilmen present were: Sam Becker, Kevin Ost, George Hennion, Rodney Payne and Lyle Dauner. Also present were City Attorney, Darrell Miller, and Interim City Clerk, Sharon McCormick.

Visitors present were: Garrett Barry and Pamela Wirth, Don Koester, Amanda Horn, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Shelby Denard.

Mayor Schoonover requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Garrett Barry made a presentation concerning his Eagle Scout project. Garrett advised the council that his project was to refurbish the sign at the Mankato Country Club. Garrett requested that the council consider contributing to the project by paying for the concrete work. The council thanked Garrett for his presentation and deferred his request until the new business section of the meeting.

Amanda Horn, North Central Regional Planning Commission advised the council that she was soon to return to South Africa for a 6 month stay to assist with the family farm. Amanda requested that she be allowed to continue with the City's water project and felt that she could continue to provide needed services by email and telephone. The council expressed their desire that Amanda continue with Mankato's projects. Councilman Becker made a motion to enter into an agreement with North Central Regional Planning Commission to apply to USDA for additional funding. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Council agreed to a special meeting at 6:00 on October 25 for purposes of a public hearing on the request for additional funding.

Councilman Dauner moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Becker seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Councilman Becker moved to approve the requested payments from APAC. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Dauner moved to approve the bid of Boettcher Supply, Inc in the amount of \$1,366.20 for led lighting. Councilman Ost seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Becker moved to approve the building application that Don Koester submitted at the September meeting. Councilman Payne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Becker moved to approve Stephanie Mendez's resignation. Councilman Ost seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the bid of Jackson's Glass Shop for an automatic door at the Mankato City Library. The matter was tabled with no action taken. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting when additional information is obtained.

Councilman Dauner moved to approve the quote of \$1,610.00 from Sunbelt Solomon for testing of the City's transformers. Councilman Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Dauner moved to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes, beginning at 9:10 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m. for discussion of non-elected personnel with the council, the mayor, and the city attorney present. Councilman Becker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Council adjourned into executive session.

The regular meeting of the council resumed at 9:30p.m.

Councilman Ost made a motion to increase Sharon McCormick's hourly wage by \$3.00 an hour, effective immediately. Councilman Becker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed the application for employment to fill the position previously held by Stephanie Mendez. It was agreed that Councilman Ost, Mayor Schoonover and Interim City Clerk, Sharon McCormick would interview the candidates and make a recommendation to the council.

A brief discussion was held concerning the free camping at the camping sites north of the City Park. No decision was made and the matter will be reconsidered when more information is obtained.

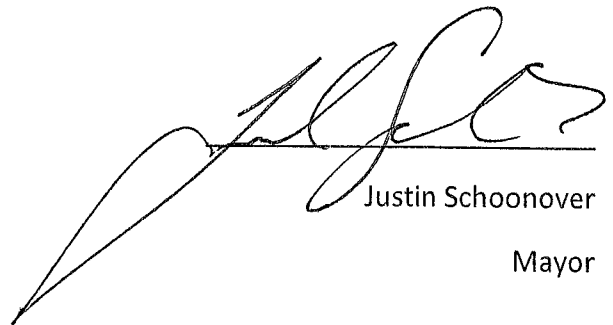
City Attorney Miller requested that the Council let him make revision to City Ordinances pertaining to dogs and the Council agreed that the ordinances should be updated.

A discussion was held concerning the fuel adjustment cost report indicating that the City had not collected the appropriate amount for the fuel adjustment cost resulting from the adjustments necessary from the cold weather in prior years. Interim City Clerk, Sharon McCormick advised the council that the uncollected amount was \$78,391.09. Assessment of the charges were deferred until a later meeting until additional calculations could be made.


The Council reviewed a request from Mankato Chamber of Commerce for "Christmas in Mankato" at the Mankato City Park, similar to last years events and the council concurred in the request of the planning

Councilman Becker made a motion to contribute the sum of \$800.00 to Garrett Barry's project to rebuild the sign at the Mankato Country Club. Councilman Hennion seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Justin Schoonover  
Mayor



Sharon McCormick  
Interim City Clerk