

A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Layn Mudder, Micaela Ranisate, City Administrator Jim Neubauer, Building Official Jordan Singer, Business Development & Communications Director Madison Cermak, Public Works Director Shane O'Keefe, Heidi Hughes, Sarah Johnston, Ben Kappel, Communications Specialist Kari Schmidt, Grounds Maintenance Superintendent Jason Herman, Admin Assistant Ashlee Newman and City Commissioner Craig Sjoberg.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *April 9, 2026.* Cermak moved and Hughes seconded to approve as presented. Roll Call vote: Aye 10, Nay, Absent (MacDonald, Wilson, Wigness, Decker). The motion passed.

C. STATUS REPORTS

1. *Beautification Recognition Program Update.* Schmidt provided an update on the recognition program to date. As of yesterday, only the 3 submissions from MacDonald have been submitted since the last round of recognition in the fall of 2025. Schmidt posted on Facebook and sent out a notification through the app yesterday calling for nominations through July 31. After that date, the nominations will move forward to public voting. She noted that it may be worth evaluating the program before the end of the year, as the intention was for residents and people outside the program to nominate properties, not just committee members and staff on the committee making the nominations. In the history of the program, only one outside nomination has been made -the rest coming from those on the committee.

2. *Collins Ave Water Reservoir Project.* City Engineer Wigness was available at the end of the meeting to provide a quick update on the Collins Ave Water Reservoir project in regards to the public art piece. Last he recalled, someone on the subcommittee was working on putting together a call for artists. Schmidt will follow up with those on the subcommittee to get a status update.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. *America 250 Recap.* Staff shared the different ways they worked to clean up Mandan, especially the parade route/downtown area, ahead of the Independence Day celebrations:

- Big team effort from public works - street sweeping, mowing, pulling weeds, weed whacking/spraying,
- Public Works and Code Enforcement addressed property management issues at a couple different residences
- Engineering led concrete repair efforts and the contractor did a fabulous job getting the work done in a timely manner

Neubauer gave Eide Ford a shout out for donating the use of a pickup truck to pull the City of Mandan's float in the parade.

Neubauer noted that staff may need to find a way to encourage property owners to address weeds in the sidewalks along their property. Not sure if it's an issue of not knowing who is responsible for the area or something else.

2. *Community Clean Up Month Recap.* Schmidt shared the article recapping the Clean Up

Month activities in May. There were over 140 volunteers tending to 17 routes throughout Mandan. The effort continues to go off seamlessly. Feedback from volunteers is that they like the option of having time throughout the month to clean their route. Schmidt thanked the CBC members for going out and getting door prizes. Every volunteer the registered for door prizes was able to get something in return!

3. *Spring Clean-Up Week Numbers.* O'keefe reported the results from Spring Clean-Up Week in April:

- 101 truckloads of waste collected & taken to landfill
- 59 truckloads of appliances & metal recycled
- 16,191 pounds of electronics recycled
- Residents took 779 loads to the landfill

He shared that EcoSanitation does a lot to help out with clean-up week and it's much appreciated.

In other business

- Dehnert asked about the status of properties having rocks in their boulevards, specifically about Daily Perks. Singer shared that commercial properties are about to use the new section of code which does allow for rocks in the boulevard for commercial properties. Engineering and Singer will work together to address how this will look and work going forward.
- Mudder asked about the amount of hours Grounds Maintenance puts into the Cemetery ahead of Memorial Day. Herman shared that he had 8 employees plus 4 Heart River Corrections inmates helping trim and mow the cemetery for one full day. It's still manageable, but it does take a large crew a full day to get the job done.
- Neubauer shared that the electronic marquee is down and Schmidt and Herman are working to get it fixed however it's not something taking a huge priority as there is construction going on in the area.
- Neubauer shared that the Mandan Hill project is still on the list of items being considered.
- Kappel asked about the railroad bridge stones for the welcome area on east Memorial Highway. Neubauer shared that the new railroad bridge should be in commission by the end of the year, then crews will work to decommission the existing railroad bridge. The stones will be removed, however the contractor will need to be paid for getting the stones to us. The stones/rocks themselves have been donated.

E. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Any notes of thanks to send?* . Neubauer suggested sending a note of thanks to Heart River Corrections for the help with grounds maintenance items leading up to Independence Day celebrations.

F. FUTURE MEETINGS

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- *Aug. 13 at 7:30 a.m.*
- *Oct. 8 at 7:30 a.m.*

- *Dec. 10 at 7:30 a.m.*

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G. ADJOURN There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned.