

A. INTRODUCTIONS Those present were Brian Dehnert, Ruth MacDonald, Laurie Leingang, Layn Mudder, Micaela Ranisate, Terra Solberg, Jordan Singer, Madison Cermak, Jarek Wigness, Allan Decker, Mitch Bitz, Kari Schmidt, Jason Herman, Andrew Stromme, City Commissioner Craig Sjoberg, and Assistant City Engineer Riley McAdoo-Roesler. Absent was Rena Mehlhoff, Luci Snowden, and Jim Neubauer.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *June 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes.* Leingang moved and Solberg seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll Call vote: Aye 11, Nay 0 (Absent Snowden, Mehlhoff, Neubauer). The motion passed.

C. BEAUTIFICATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM NOMINATIONS

1. *400 Fields Court SE.* Committee agreed this was a well-maintained landscape. Dehnert moved and MacDonald seconded to recognize at City Commission. Roll Call vote: Aye 11, Nay 0 None, Absent Snowden, Mehlhoff, City Administrator Neubauer. The motion passed.

D. STATUS REPORTS

1. *Volunteers taking on City Landscaping areas.* Herman gave an update. The group of ladies are working on all areas, plus the City has a contract with YCC for help as well.

2. *Street Light Holiday Decorations Update.* Approved at the Aug. 6 City Commission meeting for up to \$300,000.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. *Zoning Code Project Recommendations for Landscaping.* Stromme shared a slide show of the recommendations for landscaping standards from the Mandan Zoning Ordinance study. Right now the requirement is that yards and properties be landscaped, but code doesn't define what that looks like. The recommendations would update the ordinance to include specifics for landscaping requirements for commercial, industrial, and multifamily projects. Non-conforming properties will have to conform when certain updates are done to their property. Another aspect of the study looks at identifying how the City feels about boulevard plantings and to take a stance on gravel in the boulevard. Stromme shared there is a public open house on Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m. and more info is available at cityofmandan.com/zoningstudy. The committee is in support of the recommendations.

2. *Any other business to come before the board?* Dehnert asked about trees along McKenzie Drive. Herman's crew cleaned them up this week. The responsibility of the trees needs to be researched. It's a mix of State, Parks and Rec, and City.

Leingang mentioned trees overhanging on 3rd Street SE. Decker said Code Enforcement is working on this area. Herman shared that it is the abutting property owner's responsibility. The City has taken care of large areas at a time, but now they are including tree-trimming in street improvement districts.

Mudder asked Schmidt to address the email from Karen Jordan sent to citizen Committee members. Schmidt advised committee members that they were welcome to respond to the emails if they wish. Staff is aware of the issues in the email. Committee members would like for staff to respond to the email on

their behalf answering the questions related to the Community Beautification Committee. Solberg moved and Ranisate seconded to have staff respond to the email on behalf of the committee. Roll Call vote: Aye 11, Nay 0 None, Absent (Snowden, Mehlhoff, Neubauer). The motion passed.

F. NOTE OF THANKS

1. *Is there anyone the committee would like to send a note of thanks to?* Leingang suggested sending a note of thanks to the ladies doing the landscaping areas. Herman has that on his list.

G. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. *Oct. 10, 2024 at 7:30 a.m..*
2. *Dec. 12, 2024 at 7:30 a.m..*

H. ADJOURN There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.