



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2025 AT 5:30 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present: Council Member: Ryan Nelson
Council Member: Nicole Mattson
Council Member: Heather Nesemeier
Council Member: Emily Moore
Council Member: Deb White
Council Member: Lisa Borgen
Council Member: Sebastian McDougall
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson
Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent:

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Lisa Borgen

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, White, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Swearing-in of Moorhead Police Chief Chris Helmick

Mayor Shelly Carlson swore-in Moorhead Police Chief Chris Helmick.

B. MoorHeart Recognition: A Place For Hope

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart recognition to A Place for Hope Recovery & Wellness Center. Executive Director Darrell Vasvick accepted the award and shared appreciation on behalf of clients, volunteers, and staff.

6. Approve Minutes

A. March 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve March 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes made by Deb White and seconded by Sebastian McDougall

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, White, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

7. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)

Moorhead resident addressed the council regarding wheelchair accessibility on sidewalks at the corner of 14th St. and 12th Ave.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing to Authorize Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for Receipt of 2025 Federal Operating Assistance

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Emily Moore Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, White, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

Assistant Transit Director of Metro Transit Cole Swingen shared an application request to the Federal Transit Administration for 2025 Federal Operating Assistance.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Sebastian McDougall Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, White, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

B. Resolution to Authorize Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for Receipt of 2025 Federal Operating Assistance

Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for Receipt of 2025 Federal Operating Assistance made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, White, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

10. Economic Development

- A. *Resolution to Accept MN DEED Redevelopment Grant for the Downtown Moorhead Redevelopment Project and Approve Budget Adjustment #25-011

11. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Award Bid for the 2025 City-wide Striping Project (Eng. No. 25-13-01)
- B. *Resolution to Award Bid for the Moorhead Center Mall Redevelopment Streets & Utility Improvements, Phase 2 (Eng. No. 24-A6-02)
- C. *Resolution to Approve Revisions to the Municipal State Aid Street System
- D. *Resolution to Approve SMART Grant Agreement with USDOT and Related Actions (Eng. No. 25-13-02)
- E. *Resolution to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant
- F. *Resolution to Approve Task Order #23-01 with Bolton & Menk for SMART Grant
- G. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #25-010 and Construction & Maintenance Agreements with BNSF for Railroad Crossing Improvements
- H. *Resolution to Restrict Parking for Street Improvements on 34th St from 4th Ave S to 3rd Ave N (Eng. No 23-02-01)
- I. *Resolution to Authorize Submission of Grant Applications

12. Community Development Department

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-03 to Amend and Reenact Title 3, Chapter 3, Public Nuisances Defined and Chapter 4 Solid Waste Regulations; Title 9, Chapter 1, Building Code and Chapter 2, Building Standards; Title 9, Chapter 7, Rental Unit Registration and Inspections; and Title 9, Chapter 8, Property Maintenance of the Moorhead City Code

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented the first reading of Ordinance 2025-03.

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2025-03 made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, White, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

- B. *Resolution to Approve Amendment #1 to the Agreement with McGough Construction Co., LLC for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the Moorhead Community Center and Public Library – Center for Entrepreneurship
- C. *Resolution to Approve a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Towing Impound Lot at 2857 22nd Avenue South
- D. *First Reading of Ordinance 2025-04: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map Rezoning Parcels within Community Commercial and Regional Commercial, and Parcels with a Commercial Future Land Use Designation

13. Public Works

- A. *Resolution to Approve the 2025 Cass County Vector Control Larval Mosquito Control Agreement

14. Administration

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-05: An Ordinance to Create and Enact Cannabis and Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retail Business Registration, to Amend and Reenact the Annual Fee Schedule and to Repeal the Cannabinoid Product Ordinance

City Planner Robin Huston presented the proposed first reading of Ordinance 2025-05 regarding the creation and enactment of cannabis and hemp business registration. This ordinance repeals Ordinance 2022-21.

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2025-05 made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Lisa Borgen

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, White, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

15. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Nesemeier thanked Folkways for the spring Red River Market at Concordia. Council member Nesemeier also stated the Moorhead Airport Fly-In is September 6 and 2025 is the 30th anniversary of the airport. Greater Moorhead Days is happening that week as well.

Council members White, Nesemeier, and Mattson participated in a ride-along with the Moorhead Fire Department. Council member White attended a Moorhead Public Library fundraiser and thanked Swing Barrel Brewing for hosting. Council members White, McDougal, and Moore attended the Clay County Childcare Solutions Workgroup. Council member White took part in the Trans Day of Visibility on March 30 and thanked the Indigenous Association for organizing the event. Council member White and others participated in an annual sled hockey game with Hope Inc and attended Police Chief Shannon Monroe's retirement celebration. She thanked Chief Monroe and Deputy Chief Tory Jacobson for their outstanding service to the community.

Council member Nelson attended the board meeting of the Red River Regional Dispatch Center. Council member Nelson stated National Telecommunicators Week is April 13 to April 19 and thanked all regional dispatch personnel. Council members Nelson and McDougall participated in the Moorhead Fire Department ride-along in March. Council member Nelson also attended Police Chief Shannon Monroe's retirement and recognized new Moorhead Police Chief Chris Helmick.

Mayor Carlson, Lisa Bode and Mike Edinburgh of Magnify Financial presented to the local organization Realtors on a Mission. Mayor Carlson provided an update to the Diversion Finance Committee regarding Minnesota flood requests. She attended the retirement of Darren Dunlap from the FM Chamber of Commerce and thanked Darren for his service in the community. Mayor Carlson took part in the Moorhead Clay County Joint Powers and Metro Flood Diversion Authority board meetings. Mayor Carlson met with Churches United. She and City Manager Mahli participated in a real estate closing with Burlington Northern. The Mayor is attending weekly flood mitigation check-in meetings with the City of Moorhead, Clay County, Chamber of Commerce, and Diversion Authority. Mayor Carlson attended the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Board of Directors meeting. Mayor Carlson also participated in a joint city and county proclamation to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness. Mayor Carlson was part of a community forum with US Senator Amy Klobuchar. Mayor Carlson also read at the Moorhead Public Library's story time and attended the library fundraiser at Swing Barrel.

16. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli stated the Moorhead Board of Appeals & Equalization is scheduled to meet on April 17 at 6:30pm at the Hjemkomst Center. City Manager Mahli shared a video recognizing historic flooding in the region and flood mitigation efforts metro-wide.

17. Executive Session

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

APPROVED BY:


Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Rust
City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.