



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 09, 2024 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: Matthew Gilbertson
Council Member: Heather Nesemeier
Council Member: Laura Caroon
Council Member: Deb White
Council Member: Larry Seljevold
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 Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Donation to the Inclusive Playground from Lake Agassiz Pacers

Lake Agassiz Pacers Board President Charles Elhard presented a donation to the Inclusive Playground at Southside Regional Park. Mr. Elhard thanked Holly Heitkamp and staff for their work to maintain great trails in Moorhead throughout the year.

B. Moorhead Human Rights Awards

Moorhead Human Rights Commission Chair Siham Amedy and HRC member Anna Rajesh presented 2024 Moorhead Human Rights Awards to the following:

Martha Castanon (Civic/Community category): Legal Assistant at the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

Tammy Schatz (Education category): Moorhead Adult Basic Education Program Manager

Sara Stompro (Nonprofit category): Director of Program Services Rape and Abuse Crisis Center

Nia Dyer (Civic/Community category): Community Board Co-Chair, Foster Advocates

- C. 6:00pm - Truth-in-taxation Public Comment Opportunity after Presentation of Proposed 2025 Budget and Tax Levy

Finance Director Jenica Flanagan presented the City of Moorhead and Moorhead Economic Development Authority's proposed 2025 budget and tax levy.

6. Approve Minutes

- A. November 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve November 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Ryan Nelson

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

- A. *Resolution for Appointments to Boards and Committees

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

- A. Public Hearing for the Sale of City-owned Land used for Municipal Purposes

Motion to Open Public Hearing for the Sale of City-owned Land used for Municipal Purposes made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

City Engineer Tom Trowbridge shared information on the proposed sale of City owned land to BNSF.

Motion to Close Public Hearing for the Sale of City-owned Land used for Municipal Purposes made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Larry Seljevold

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

- B. Resolution to Approve the Sale of City-owned Land used for Municipal Purposes to BNSF Railway Company

Motion to Approve the Sale of City-owned Land used for Municipal Purposes to BNSF Railway Company made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

10. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Actions Relating to Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03)
- B. *Resolution to Order Reports for 2025 Street Improvement Projects
- C. *Resolution to Order Report for Prairie Parkway 2nd Addition Street and Underground Utility Improvements
- D. *Resolution to Approve Change Order #1 and Budget Adjustment #24-037 for the Citywide Striping Project (Eng. No. 24-13-01)

11. Parks and Recreation Department

- A. *Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for the Naming Rights for the Main Play Tower at the Rotary Nature Play Hill and Bike Park

Representing Rotary International Clubs in the FM area, Heather Ranck shared information on a donation from the Kvalvog family who would like to name the Play Tower at the Rotary Natural Play Hill and Bike Park in memory of their sons Zach and Connor.

12. Community Development Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve 5-year Renewal of non-profit lease at Bluestem between the City of Moorhead and Fargo Public School District
- B. *Resolution to Approve Agricultural Leases
- C. *Resolution to Approve Draft Moorhead Center Mall Redevelopment Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)
- D. *Resolutions to Approve Agreements Relating to Close Out of Pre-Development Agreement/Lien Agreement and Purchase Agreement with Roers Development
- E. *Resolution to Approve entering into a Purchase Agreement with Roers Development
- F. *Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision - 1903 1st Ave S - Parcel 58.721.0640

13. Moorhead Public Service

- A. *Resolution to Award Bid for Contract Hauling and Beneficial Use Services for Lime Residuals from Water Treatment Plant

14. Public Works
- A. *Resolution to Solicit Bids and Approve Award of Contract Bulk Fuel
15. Administration
- A. Resolution to Approve the City of Moorhead 2025 Tax Levy, Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and Economic Development Authority Tax Levy and Budget
- Motion to Approve the City of Moorhead 2025 Tax Levy, Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and Economic Development Authority Tax Levy and Budget made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Sebastian McDougall**
- Motion Passed
For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson
Against: 0;
Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 0
- B. Resolution to Approve the Moorhead Economic Development Authority 2025 Tax Levy and Budget
- Motion to Approve the Moorhead Economic Development Authority 2025 Tax Levy and Budget made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**
- Motion Passed
For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson
Against: 0;
Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 0
- C. *Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-12: An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Fee Schedule
- D. *Resolution to Approve Title & Summary of Ordinance 2024-12
- E. *Resolution to Authorize Execution of League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) Liability Coverage Waiver Form (Statutory Tort Liability Limits)
- F. *Resolution of Support - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
- G. *Second Reading for Ordinance 2024-13: An Ordinance Granting a Fiber Optic Franchise to Ubiquity LLC
- H. *Resolution to Approve Title & Summary of Ordinance 2024-13
- I. *Resolution to Approve a Franchise Agreement for the Use of Public Right-Of-Way with Ubiquity LLC
- J. *Resolution to Approve Labor Agreement and Memorandums of Understanding Between the City of Moorhead and Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local 69 Police Officers
- K. *Resolution to Designate 2025 Election Polling Locations
- L. *Resolution to Approve Amendment 1 to the Lease Agreement with Lake Agassiz Regional Library

M. *Resolution of Support for Metro COG Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

16. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Nesemeier stated there is a holiday light recycling initiative underway with drop-off sites at Ace Hardware on Main in Moorhead and the Clay County Resource Recovery Center.

Council member Caroon shared her appreciation and experience serving on the Moorhead City Council.

Mayor Carlson attended a community conversation about homelessness with area faith, public, private, and nonprofit leaders at Church of the Good Shepherd in Moorhead. Mayor Carlson also lit the Holiday Tree and enjoyed Moorhead's first Global Market at the Hjemkomst Center on December 3. Mayor Carlson attended the 98th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert, a retirement ceremony for Jeff Larson from the Moorhead Police Department, and the Salvation Army's Beds for Kids event. Mayor Carlson shared appreciation for outgoing City Council members Laura Caroon, Larry Seljevold and Matt Gilbertson.

17. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli thanked outgoing Council members for their commitment and public service in Moorhead over the years.

18. Executive Session

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm

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.