



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2023 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: Steve Lindaas
Council Member: Larry Seljevold
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson
Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent:

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

There was a request to remove items 14A and 15C from the Consent Agenda.

4. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Dr. Carrie Leopold

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart Recognition to Dr. Carrie Leopold for her work with Inspire Innovation Lab. Ms. Bode shared excerpts from the nomination. Dr. Leopold thanked her Board of Directors, staff and community for the recognition.

B. Presentation: Gate City Bank/City of Moorhead Neighborhood Impact Home Improvement Program

Senior Personal Loan Officer Angie Fogel presented a pretend check in the amount of \$2M to support Moorhead's Neighborhood Impact Program (NIP). The NIP offers low-interest rate housing rehab loans to qualified homeowners to address health safety code, structural issues, energy efficiency and general property improvements. Gate City Bank will host an open house April 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at its Moorhead branch at 305 8 St S. The program deadline to apply for the Neighborhood Impact Program is October 31, 2023.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

6. Approve Minutes

A. March 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve March 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Larry Seljevoll and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Seljevoll, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Engineering Department

A. Resolution to Declare State of Emergency for a Spring 2023 Flood Event

City Engineer Bob Zimmerman presented a briefing related to spring 2023 river flooding. Mayor Carlson offered an Emergency Declaration for the anticipated 2023 flood event.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Declare State of Emergency for a Spring 2023 Flood Event made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Seljevoll, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

B. *Resolution to Reschedule the Public Hearing for 2nd Ave N Area Underground Utility & Street Improvements (Eng. No. 23-A2-04A and 14-02-03F)

C. *Resolution to Approve Carbon Reduction Program Grant Award and Budget Adjustment #23-021

D. Community Development Department

E. *First Reading of Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to Amend Title 1, Chapter 7, Planning Commission as it Relates to Membership

11. Police Department

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-05: An Ordinance to Amend Section 3-7-1 and 3-7-10 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Animal Control Definitions and Animals Prohibited in City and to Amend the 2023 Fee Schedule

Moorhead resident Noelle Harden addressed the City Council in support of updating the ordinance.

Motion to Approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-05: An Ordinance to Amend Section 3-7-1 and 3-7-10 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Animal Control Definitions and Animals Prohibited in City and to Amend the 2023 Fee Schedule with the removal of the word “metal” in Section 2.a.viii made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 5; Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Seljevold

Against: 3; Nelson, Gilbertson, Hendrickson

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

B. Resolution to Approve Title & Summary of Ordinance 2023-05

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Title & Summary of Ordinance 2023-05 made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

12. Moorhead Public Service

A. *Resolution to Award Bid for Underground Boring for Electric Line Relocations Related to the 11th Street Underpass Grade Separation Project

13. Public Works

A. *Resolution to Approve Weed Control for Invasive Species in City Parks

Public Works Director Steve Iverson shared a recommendation from the Moorhead Park Advisory Board and history of weed control in city parks. There was discussion among Council members.

Motion to Table Resolution to Approve Weed Control for Invasive Species in City Parks made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Failed

For: 3; Nesemeier, White, Lindaas

Against: 5; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, Seljevold, Hendrickson

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Weed Control for Invasive Species in City Parks made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, Lindaas, Seljevold, Hendrickson

Against: 2; Nesemeier, White

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

14. Administration

- A. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #23-017 for Moorhead Community Access Media Studio Relocation and Equipment Upgrades that Benefit Coverage of City of Moorhead Meetings
- B. *Resolution to Accept Quarterly Donations
- C. *Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Galaxy Hospitality, LLC DBA Courtyard by Marriott

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Galaxy Hospitality, LLC DBA Courtyard by Marriott made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

Council member White asked about requirements listed in the resolution, specifically related to the security plan in the application. City Attorney Shockley stated the application process does include a business plan and security plan for all applications, which are procedural items versus those listed in the resolution, which are required by the State of Minnesota. Council member Seljevold shared interest in dropping the \$200 liquor license fee to serve on Sunday's. He added the fee can be addressed by the City Council as part of the 2024 budget.

15. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Chuck Hendrickson informed the City Council that a new Executive Director is hired with the FM Metropolitan Council of Governments. Council member Hendrickson thanked retiring Director Cindy Gray for her great work and years of service.

Mayor Shelly Carlson shared her involvement as a mentor at the Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual Intentional Collisions Event. Mayor Carlson also spoke of her and City Manager Mahli's attendance at the Home Builders Association's Industry Connect event where there was discussion about home building in Moorhead. The Mayor shared her participation in the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities' Board of Directors meeting, her attendance at the United Way of Cass Clay's Community Celebration/Annual Meeting, and a Hope Inc sled hockey game that she and several City Council members participated in. Mayor Carlson attended an advisory meeting for the USA Expo 2027, noting Bloomington, Minnesota is in the running to host the event. Mayor Carlson toured Churches United's Micah's Mission and the extensive remodeling improvements that are underway. Mayor Carlson spoke about Governor Walz' visit to Moorhead with Senator Rob Kupec and Tax Commissioner Paul Marquardt on April 7. There was discussion about childcare, economic development, flood protection, and the 11 Street railroad grade separation project. Mayor Carlson recognized Moorhead Police Detective Seth Saarinen and read a letter from Clay County Social Services thanking Detective Saarinen for his work, partnership, and many extra miles he goes to serve.

16. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli stated Earth Week is April 17-23 and encouraged those who would like to get involved to visit moorheadparks.com/volunteering. The 2023 theme is Restore Moorhead. The goal is to accomplish great things throughout the spring and summer. City Manager Mahli spoke about the city's workforce development efforts. The City of Moorhead is also receiving and excited about applications for internships.

17. Executive Session
18. New Business
19. Adjourn

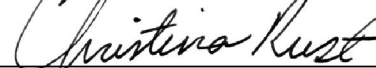
Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

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.