



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 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: Larry Seljevold
Council Member: Steve Lindaas
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 Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Bill Bartholomay

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart award to Bill Bartholomay.

B. Recognitions: City of Moorhead Police Department

Police Chief Shannon Monroe highlighted City of Moorhead Police Department personnel with promotions and awards for outstanding service and commitment. Chief Monroe also recognized newly sworn officers in the Department.

C. Presentation: 2023 Bond Sale Issuance - Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors

Paul Steinman, Director with the City's financial advisor Baker Tilly, shared information on a proposed City of Moorhead sale of General Obligation Bonds.

6. Approve Minutes

A. July 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve July 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

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

8. Mayor and Council Appointments

A. Resolution to Appoint Ward 4 Council Member

Discussion took place regarding candidates who applied and interviewed for the open Ward 4 City Council position.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Appoint Trent Gerads Ward 4 Council Member made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Failed

For: 3; Nesemeier, Caroon, White

Against: 4; Nelson, Gilbertson, Seljevold, Hendrickson

Abstain/Recuse: 1; Lindaas

Absent: 0;

Motion to Approve Resolution to Appoint Sebastian McDougall Ward 4 Council Member made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Larry Seljevold

Motion Passed

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

Against: 1; White

Abstain/Recuse: 1; Lindaas

Absent: 0;

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Engineering Department

A. *Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Brick Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Phase 2 & 3. Eng. No. 18-06-04C

B. *Resolution to Authorize PROTECT Grant Application

C. *Resolution to Waive Municipal Consent for the Downtown Underpass Project (Eng. No. 14-02-03)

11. Public Works

A. *Resolution Accepting Grant awarded by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Response

12. Administration

- A. Resolution Providing for the Competitive Sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds Series 2023A

Motion to Approve Resolution Providing for the Competitive Sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds Series 2023A made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

- B. Resolution to Approve Agreement with McGough Construction Co., LLC for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the Moorhead Community Center and Public Library

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky thanked Council member Steve Lindaas for his work on the City Council and with various local boards and commissions. Ms. Leshovsky shared information on the recommendation of McGough Construction to serve as the Construction Manager At Risk for the Community Center Regional Library project. Members of McGough Construction Spencer Hilde, General Manager, Oliver Finneman, Pre-Construction Manager and Rich Slagle, Business Development Director were available for questions.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Agreement with McGough Construction Co., LLC for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the Moorhead Community Center and Public Library made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

- C. *Resolution to Approve Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the City of Moorhead and City Manager
- D. *Resolution to Approve Amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to the Annual Action Plans of 2022 & 2023 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

13. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Heather Nesemeier reported on the Moorhead Public Housing Board meeting and other board updates. Council Member Nesemeier shared an update on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and encouraged those who are interested in staying up to date to subscribe to e-notifications. Ms. Nesemeier congratulated Mayor Carlson and Lisa Bode for their roles as Vice President and Treasurer respectively on the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities' Board of Directors.

Council Member Deb White congratulated organizers and participants of FM Pride Week and thanked Council Member Lindaas for his involvement in the Pride Parade. Ms. White reminded the City Council the Indigenous Community Picnic is taking place at MB Johnson Park on Saturday, August 19 and encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Shelly Carlson shared with the City Council her appearance on the Tony Gehrig radio show and

how she was able to showcase the many great things in Moorhead. The Mayor also shared and updated the Council on the several meetings she attended for the Diversion project. Mayor Carlson spoke of her attendance at the ribbon cutting for Hamptons Place 4 Addition and a visit from the State of MN's Immigrant and Refugee Office. Mayor Carlson thanked all City Council members for their participation in Night to Unite and reported on her attendance at the 2023 Women's Leadership Summit. Mayor Carlson mentioned the recent Red River Valley Dispatch Authority meeting and stated it currently has 31 of 41 job positions filled. Mayor Carlson thanked Council Member Lindaas for his service on the City Council and stated his contributions throughout the City and region is appreciated by many.

14. City Manager Reports

15. Executive Session

- A. Closed executive session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b), for attorney-client consultation with external litigation counsel in the matter of Ames Construction Inc. vs. City of Moorhead.

Motion to Enter Closed Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b), for attorney-client consultation with external litigation counsel in the matter of Ames Construction Inc. vs. City of Moorhead at 6:26 pm made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

The City Council exited the Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

16. New Business

17. Adjourn

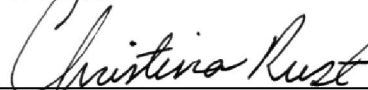
Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

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.