



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 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: Sebastian McDougall
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson

Absent: Mayor: Shelly Carlson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

City Manager Mahli stated the MoorHeart Recognition Item 5A should be removed from the Regular Agenda and will occur at a future meeting. City Manager Mahli added there is a request to remove Item 12B from the Consent Agenda.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Larry Seljevold and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Carlson

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Peter Haberman

B. Presentation: Moorhead Fire Department Promotions

Fire Chief Jeff Wallin shared promotions and recognitions that are taking place in the Moorhead Fire Department.

C. Update: Community Center Regional Library

Rob Remark with JLG Architects shared an update on design planning for the Community Center Regional Library. A public open house will take place on September 26 from 11:30–1:00pm & 4:30–7:00pm at the Moorhead Public Library to share additional information and gather input from the public.

- D. Presentation: 2023 Bond Sale, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors

Christine Hogan, Director with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, provided background and context information on Moorhead's 2023 sale of general obligation bonds.

6. Approve Minutes

- A. August 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve August 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes 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: 1; Carlson

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

- A. *Resolution to Approve Mayoral Appointments of Council Members to Committees, Boards, and Commissions

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Economic Development

- A. *Resolution to Approve Short Term Extension to Pre-development and Lien Agreement

- B. Resolution to Declare Substandard Blighted Building for Redevelopment

Derrick LaPoint, CEO Downtown Moorhead Inc, shared information with the City Council related MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Mainstreet Grants that were recently awarded to projects in downtown Moorhead. A portion of grant funding is intended to assist with demolition costs at the Moorhead Center Mall redevelopment area.

Jim Roers with Roers Development shared an update with the City Council and discussed the status of demolishing the Herberger's site and future location of the Community Center Regional Library.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Declare Substandard Blighted Building for Redevelopment made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Carlson

11. Public Works

- A. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #23-044 and Award Bid for Demolition of Transfer Station Facility located at 2727 Hwy 10E

12. Administration

- A. Resolution to Approve and Accept Offer of Sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2023A

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve and Accept Offer of Sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2023A made by Deb White and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 1; Carlson

- B. *Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Onyx Bar & Grill LLC DBA Onyx Bar & Grill

Council member Nelson shared concerns relating an application for a liquor license by Onyx Bar & Grill. Owners Daniel Saintal and Jordany Dort with business representative Faith Dixon were in attendance to address questions. Discussion occurred regarding the liquor license.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Onyx Bar & Grill LLC DBA Onyx Bar & Grill made by Larry Seljevold and seconded by Deb White

Motion Failed

For: 4; Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold

Against: 4; Nelson, Gilbertson, McDougall, Hendrickson

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 1; Carlson

- C. *Resolution to Approve Application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

13. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Heather Nesemeier talked about a Longest Table event taking place Thursday, September 14, 6:00-8:00pm at Salem Church in Moorhead.

Council member Deb White invited residents to a Conversation with Ward 3 Council members on September 27 at 6:00pm in the community room at the Stonemill Apartments. Council Member White spoke of the Red River Run that is taking place on September 16 at MB Johnson Park as part of Greater Moorhead Days. The Red River Run is also serving as a fundraiser for the Inclusive Playground at Southside Regional Park.

Council member Ryan Nelson updated the City Council on the Red River Regional Dispatch Board meeting. He stated a land lease for a new dispatch center is nearing completion.

Council member Chuck Hendrickson spoke about the recent Red River Basin Board meeting, YWCA Chocolate Fantasy event, and First Step's Recovery Month Celebration where Dave Kolpack was an excellent guest speaker.

14. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli shared information on activities and a calendar of events for Greater Moorhead Days taking place September 7-16 across the city. Mr. Mahli also shared information on the availability of Moorhead Parks and Recreation's Fall/Winter brochure. The Spring/Summer brochure

will be published February 2024. City Manager Mahli added with the City's Council's bond sale authorization and Moorhead's bond rating upgrade to Aa2 by Moody's Investor Service, the result means real savings to taxpayers and ratepayers in the City due to strong financial management and a safer investment environment for bond buyers in Moorhead. Mr. Mahli thanked the City Council, staff, and financial advisers for working together to accomplish this stretch goal.

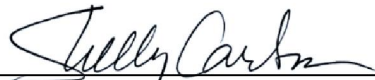
15. Executive Session

16. New Business

17. Adjourn

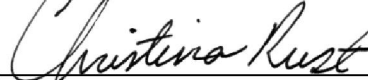
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

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.