



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 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
Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent:

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Sebastian McDougall

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Peter Haberman

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart award to Peter Haberman, Director of Bands at Concordia College. Mr. Haberman thanked the Moorhead community and students.

B. Donation to the Inclusive Playground from Lake Agassiz Pacers

Members of the Lake Agassiz Pacers running group presented a donation of \$3,500 for Moorhead's Inclusive Playground. The contribution was raised as part of the LAP's 2023 Red River Run at MB Johnson Park.

6. Approve Minutes

A. November 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve November 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Deb White 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)

A Moorhead resident shared thoughts on gender inclusivity and requested it be required as part of being the City's official newspaper of record. City Attorney John Shockley spoke about statutory requirements that encompass newspaper of record services in Minnesota.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

- A. Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Marla Blakeway on behalf of Vision Rentals LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 4111 34 Ave S (58.420.0040)

Motion to Open Public Hearing Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Marla Blakeway on behalf of Vision Rentals LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 4111 34 Ave S (58.420.0040) 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;

Derrick LaPoint shared an application from Minko Construction for a tax exemption at its its new headquarters located at 4111 34 Ave S. The proposal includes a 21,000 square foot building that will employ 34 full-time employees. Construction would begin in March 2024 with an estimated completion date of December 2024.

Motion to Close Public Hearing Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Marla Blakeway on behalf of Vision Rentals LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 4111 34 Ave S (58.420.0040) made by Heather Nesemeier 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 a Property Tax Exemption for Vision Rentals LLC to construct a commercial-industrial building located at 4111 34 Ave S (58.420.0040)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve a Property Tax Exemption for Vision Rentals LLC to construct a commercial-industrial building located at 4111 34 Ave S (58.420.0040) 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: 0;

- C. Public Hearing To Consider Actions Relating to Declaration of a Hazardous Building – 1522 4 Ave N, Parcel No. 58.218.0320

Motion to Open Public Hearing Public Hearing To Consider Actions Relating to Declaration of a Hazardous Building – 1522 4 Ave N, Parcel No. 58.218.0320 made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented the declaration of a hazardous building consistent with terms and provisions under Minnesota State Statute. Ms. Leshovsky shared historical information on the building and property.

Motion to Close Public Hearing Public Hearing To Consider Actions Relating to Declaration of a Hazardous Building – 1522 4 Ave N, Parcel No. 58.218.0320 made by Larry Seljevoll and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

- D. Resolution Declaring 1522 4th Avenue North a Hazardous Property under Minnesota Statute 463 and Order the Owner of the Hazardous Property to Correct or Remove the Hazardous Conditions at the Property

Motion to Approve Resolution Declaring 1522 4th Avenue North a Hazardous Property under Minnesota Statute 463 and Order the Owner of the Hazardous Property to Correct or Remove the Hazardous Conditions at the Property made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

- E. Resolution to Authorize Agreement(s) Necessary to Abate the Hazardous Conditions of 1522 4th Avenue North by Demolition if the Owner Fails to Address the Hazardous Conditions

Motion to Approve Resolution Declaring 1522 4th Avenue North a Hazardous Property under Minnesota Statute 463 and Order the Owner of the Hazardous Property to Correct or Remove the Hazardous Conditions at the Property made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;
Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 0;

10. Economic Development

- A. *Resolution to Approve the Sale of City-owned Land Located at 4111 34 Ave S (58.420.0040) to Vision Rentals LLC

11. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Various Actions for 2023 – 2024 Petitioned Sewer & Water Services (Eng. No. 24-A6-1) and Petitioned Concrete Repairs (Eng. No. 24-A7-1)
- B. *Resolution to Support Federal and State Grant Applications

12. Community Development Department

- A. *Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-09: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 10, Chapter 18, Section 1, Use Regulations, and Section 2, Provisional and Conditional Use Requirements, relating to Micro-Dwelling Unit Sacred Community
- B. *Resolution to Approve Title & Summary of Ordinance 2023-09

13. Administration

- A. *Resolutions to authorize an allocation of Statewide Affordable Housing Aid (SAHA) to Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and issue a Request for Affordable Housing Proposals with respect to the remainder of 2023 and 2024 SAHA resources
- B. *Resolution to Authorize a Request for Affordable Housing Proposals for Statewide Affordable Housing Aid
- C. *Resolution to Request Reduction to 2024 Clay HRA levy amount and allocation of Statewide Affordable Housing Aid in Moorhead
- D. *Resolution to Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Valley Senior Services and Dilworth for 2024
- E. *Resolution to Approve a Contract with the City of Dilworth for 2024 Transit Service
- F. *Resolution to Approve Amendment #2 to TransDev (formerly First Transit) Contract to Include 2024 Transit Operating Services
- G. *Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Fargo for Purchase of Software for the MATBUS System and Related Cost Sharing
- H. *Resolution to Approve 2024 MCAM Service Agreement
- I. First Reading of Ordinance 2023-11: An Ordinance Adopting the 2024 Fee Schedule

Finance Director Jenica Flanagan presented a first reading of the City of Moorhead's proposed 2024 fee schedule.

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2023-11: An Ordinance Adopting the 2024 Fee Schedule made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

14. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Nesemeier shared the information about a farewell celebration of the local Food of the North organization on December 1 from 4:30-6:00 at Drekker Brewing. Council member Nesemeier also spoke about Clay County's Community Health Assessment which seeks input on various services offered throughout the County,

Council member White stated Moorhead Human Rights Awards will be presented at the December 11 City Council meeting. Council member White also shared success of this year's Pangea event and thanked everyone that attended and volunteered in the hospitality room.

Council member Hendrickson attended a town hall meeting about homelessness with Council members Seljevold and McDougall. Council member Hendrickson added he attended the annual Fill the Dome food drive event hosted by area students.

Mayor Shelly Carlson spoke about attending the Chamber of Commerce's Fly-In event in Washington DC on November 13-15 to lobby on behalf of the City of Moorhead and metro area. Mayor Carlson stated she attended the Greater Coalition of Minnesota Cities' Board meeting and fall conference. Mayor Carlson also thanked the Rourke Art Gallery for hosting the Holiday Tree Lighting with the Moorhead High School Apollo Strings, Carolers, MSUM Planetarium with a telescope and MATBUS for participating in the event.

15. City Manager Reports

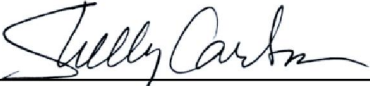
16. Executive Session

17. New Business

18. Adjourn


Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm

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.