

**City of Moorhead
Adjourned Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Adjourned Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on December 17, 2012, at 6:00 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Luther Stueland	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Mike Hulett	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Gehrtz	Present

Adjourned City Council Meeting

1. [Adopt City of Moorhead and Economic Development Authority 2013 Budget, 2012 Tax Levy Payable in 2013 and Enterprise Fund Transfers](#)

Minutes: City Manager Redlinger briefly explained the various budget expenditures and stated the levy increase was offset by reductions in fees, resulting in a net reduction of \$7 on a median valued property. The Economic Development Authority recommended adoption of the budget.

Council expressed concerns about the cost of homeownership and its effect on homelessness.

Motion made to Approve made by Steve Gehrtz and seconded by Nancy Otto

Motion to Approve 1. Adopt City of Moorhead and Economic Development Authority 2013 Budget, 2012 Tax Levy Payable in 2013 and Enterprise Fund Transfers

Motion Passed: See resolution numbers noted below

For: 7 - Nancy Otto, Heidi Durand, Mark Altenburg, Mike Hulett, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer, Steve Gehrtz

Against: 1 - Luther Stueland

A. [Resolution to Adopt Economic Development Authority 2013 Budget and 2012 Tax Levy Payable 2013](#)

Resolution 2012-1217-1

B. [Resolution to Adopt City of Moorhead's 2013 Budget, 2012 Tax Levy Payable 2013 and Enterprise Fund Transfers](#)

Resolution 2012-1217-2

Consent Agenda

Minutes: All Consent Agenda items were removed from Consent by unanimous agreement and will be considered individually.

2. [Resolution to Approve Agreement - Greater Moorhead Development Corporation](#)

Motion made to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Mark Hintermeyer

Motion to Approve 2. Resolution to Approve Agreement - Greater Moorhead Development Corporation

Motion Passed: Resolution 2012-1217-3

For: 7 - Nancy Otto, Heidi Durand, Mark Altenburg, Mike Hulett, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer, Steve Gehrtz

Against: 1 - Luther Stueland

Minutes: City staff clarified the following in response to a Mayor and Council question:

- There will not be a City representative on the Greater Moorhead Development Corporation as the Corporation felt it was not appropriate.
- Since Council Members have membership in the Corporation, they can attend the meetings to facilitate two-way communication between the Corporation and the Council.

3. [Resolution to Approve Agreement - Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation](#)

Motion made to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Brenda Elmer

Motion to Approve 3. Resolution to Approve Agreement - Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation

Motion Passed: Resolution 2012-1217-4

For: 7 - Nancy Otto, Heidi Durand, Mark Altenburg, Mike Hulett, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer, Steve Gehrtz

Against: 1 - Luther Stueland

Minutes: A Council Member was concerned about transferring economic decisions to a less local government body with even less direct oversight.

4. Consideration of 2013 Legislative Services Agreements

Motion made to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Heidi Durand

Motion to Approve 3. Consideration of the 2013 Legislative Services Agreements

Motion Passed: See resolution numbers noted below

For: 7 - Nancy Otto, Heidi Durand, Mark Altenburg, Mike Hulett, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer, Steve Gehrtz

Against: 1 - Luther Stueland

Minutes: Mayor and Council Members expressed the following:

- Funds for the lobbyists come from the stormwater utility budget which could impact lower income residents
- Legislative services efforts are needed based on the complexities of our border cities status and to maintain a level playing field with other states through legislative programs.

A. Resolution to Approve Agreement with Flaherty & Hood, P.A.
Resolution 2012-1217-5

B. Resolution to Approve Agreement with Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.
Resolution 2012-1217-6

5. Resolution to Approve Trollwood Performing Arts School 2013 Operating Budget

Minutes: City Manager Michael Redlinger explained that this item is to approve the operating budget for the Trollwood Performing Arts School only. It is not a line item budget covering every aspect of the operation of the facility, and special assessments are not included in this item. The land lease agreement will be discussed in early 2013.

Mayor and Council expressed the following concerns:

- The budget should include a cash amount for contingencies and emergencies.
- Some items, such as resolving conflict-of-use issues and ensuring that regional arts groups can use the facility, tuition differential between Fargo and Moorhead students, and naming rights, should be resolved before approving the operating budget.

Motion made to Table made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Heidi Durand
Motion to Table 5. Resolution to Approve Trollwood Performing Arts School 2013 Operating Budget

Motion Passed

For: 5 - Nancy Otto, Heidi Durand, Mark Altenburg, Mike Hulett, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer

Against: 3 - Luther Stueland, Steve Gehrtz

6. [Resolution to Approve a Flood Damage Reduction Grant Agreement with the Minnesota DNR](#)

Motion made to Approve made by Brenda Elmer and seconded by Mark Altenburg
Motion to Approve 6. Resolution to Approve a Flood Damage Reduction Grant Agreement with the Minnesota DNR

Motion Passed: Resolution 2012-1217-7

For: 8 - Luther Stueland, Nancy Otto, Heidi Durand, Mark Altenburg, Mike Hulett, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer, Steve Gehrtz

Minutes: City staff clarified the following in response to Mayor and Council questions:

- Since the City of Moorhead obtained \$1M from the State and the City has overmatched other State funds, this money will be used to cover the cost of projects already completed. This will allow other City dollars to be used for future projects.

Minutes: Council Member Nancy Otto gave an update on the Diversion Board of Authority Finance Committee. She also gave an update on the Moorhead River Corridor Study and asked the Council and the public to provide suggestions for use of the river corridor. They can be given to her or to Council Member Brenda Elmer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mark Voxland
Mayor

Becky Jahnke
Deputy City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Jahnke, Deputy City Clerk*