



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2020 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on July 27, 2020, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present - video
1st Ward Council Member:	Sara Watson Curry	Present - video
2nd Ward Council Member:	Shelly Carlson	Present - video
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Absent
Mayor:	Johnathan Judd	Present – in chambers
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present - video
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present - video
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present - video
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Lindaas	Present - video

Also in Attendance:

Acting City Manager, Dan Mali – in chambers
City Attorney, John Shockley - Video
City Clerk, Christina Rust – in chambers

City Council Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Item #11 has been requested to be pulled off consent.

Motion to Approve consent agenda items made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 7 Absent: Durand

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Moorhead Compost Site Fire Update

Minutes: Public Works Director Steve Moore presented an update on the fire at the Moorhead compost site. Mr. Moore thanked Public Works staff and the Moorhead Fire Department for the quick, diligent, and thorough response. Mr. Moore added news releases will continue over the coming days to keep the public informed.

B. Moorhead's Coronavirus Relief Funding (CARES Act) Update

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli, Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode, and Downtown Moorhead Inc President Derrick LaPoint updated the Mayor and City Council on Moorhead's coronavirus relief funding (CARES Act). The City of Moorhead is receiving \$3.2 million in federal funding via a pass-through from the State of Minnesota

to address public health needs and economic hardship in the community. Community engagement is planned to start the day following the City Council presentation.

6. Approve Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2020

Motion to Approve July 13, 2020 meeting minutes made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 7 Absent: Durand

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

Engineering Department

9. *Resolution to Award Bid for the 34th St S Bridge Approach Replacement, Eng. No. 20-02-01

10. *Resolution to Approve Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Bond To Purchase \$18,048,080 General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Note of 2020 and Project Loan Agreement for the Wastewater Interim Improvements Project (Eng. No. 18-06-04A,B & 19-06-01)

Fire Department

11. *Northwest Minnesota Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement

Minutes: Council member Dahlquist requested this item be removed from the consent agenda. Moorhead Emergency Manager Chad Stangeland shared an overview of the Northwest Minnesota Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion to Approve Northwest Minnesota Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 7 Absent: Durand

Community Development Department

12. Resolution to Approve Public Art - Downtown Benches and Traffic Signal Boxes

Minutes: Assistant City Planner Kim Citrowske presented a plan for public art projects. Moorhead High School students submitted proposals for artwork to be displayed on downtown benches and traffic signal boxes. Council member White suggested an opening with the artists be planned when it is time to unveil the public art.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Public Art - Downtown Benches and Traffic Signal Boxes made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 7 Absent: Durand

13. *Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision - Parcel 58.060.0070
14. *Resolution to Approve Grant Submittal to Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission: Midtown Trail Segment of Moorhead River Corridor Trail

Administration

15. Legislative Update
Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode updated the Mayor and City Council on the State of Minnesota's July 2020 special legislative session.

Other

16. Mayor and Council Reports
Minutes: Council member Carlson mentioned the public can visit fmdiversion.gov to view drone footage of the FM Diversion project.

Council member White mentioned an opening on the Human Rights Commission in Ward 4. She noted the HRC allows for a minor to serve and encouraged people under 18 to apply. Council member White added the Red River Run is cancelled due to COVID-19 however, a virtual run is being planned.

Council member Watson Curry reminded the public that July 31 is the deadline for applying for SNAP benefits (food support). She suggested visiting PEBT.gov for information. Council member Watson Curry added City Council candidacy filing begins July 28 and runs through August 11, along with the Moorhead Public School Board.

Council member Lindaas updated the Mayor and City Council on community gardening in Moorhead and added gardening is open to all to participate. Council member Lindaas also thanked staff for working on a grant to provide additional river trails in Moorhead.

Council member Hendrickson stated West Fargo Mayor Bernie Dardis is replacing Tony Grindberg as the FM Diversion Finance Committee Chair.

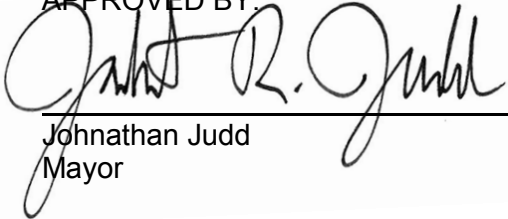
Mayor Judd updated the City Council on meetings related to a federal BUILD grant for the 11th Street underpass project. The Mayor thanked the ND federal delegation and staff for its help and support. He added the FM Metropolitan Council of Governments met last week and is seeking public comment on the transportation improvement plan. Mayor Judd expressed appreciation and gratitude to Grady Carlson, Moorhead High School art teacher, for his inspirational work with students and the community.

17. City Manager Reports - Updates

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli thanked everyone for the support and spirit of cooperation during this time of transition in Moorhead. He stated Affidavits for City Council Candidacy in the November General election open July 28 and close August 11. He suggested contacting the City Clerk's office if interested in running for a seat on the City Council. Dan Mahli also recognized City Intern Gabrielle Lommel and Public Works Director Steve Moore for translating recycling guides into four languages and making them available in print and on the City's website.

- 18. Executive Session (If needed)
- 19. New Business
- 20. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm made by Sara Watson Curry and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist

APPROVED BY:


Johnathan Judd
Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Rust
City Clerk

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

*Respectfully submitted by:
Christina Rust, City Clerk*