



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2021 at 5:30 PM  
Hjemkomst Center**

*Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Hjemkomst Center on June 28, 2021 at 5:30 PM.*

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Matthew Gilbertson	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heather Nesemeier	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Laura Caroon	Present
Mayor:	Shelly Carlson	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevoid	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Lindaas	Present

**City Council Meeting**

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

Minutes: Remove Item #18 from consent agenda

4. Consent Agenda

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda with removal of item #18 made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Presentation: Moorhead Cruise Night, Bill Bartholomay

Minutes: Bill Bartholomay presented information about Moorhead Cruise Night and invited everyone to the event. Moorhead Cruise Night occurs on the first Thursday of each month on Center Avenue and the next event is July 1 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

B. Presentation: 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit, Clifton Larson Allen

Minutes: Michelle Hoffman and Lance Lauinger of Clifton Larson Allen presented the 2020 Annual Financial Report and Audit.

6. Approve Minutes

A. June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

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

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

**Economic Development**

9. \*Resolution to Approve the Request of Drywall Supply for Improvements within the City's Railroad Easement

10. \*Resolution to Authorize Amendment No. 15 to Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Minnesota and the City of Moorhead for the Border City Enterprise Zone Program

**Engineering Department**

11. \*Resolution to Approve Biennial Routine Maintenance Agreement No. 1047209 with MnDOT

12. \*Resolution to Authorize Acquisition of Parcel No. 58.721.0270 (Eng. No. 02-02-02)

**Fire Department**

13. \*Resolution to Enter Into a Joint Cooperative Agreement for Use of Emergency Operations Personnel and Equipment Between the City of Moorhead and the City of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

**Parks and Recreation Department**

14. \*Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #21-012 for Repairs to the Mechanical Systems at the Hjemkomst Center

**Community Development Department**

15. Resolution to Approve Call for Art Proposal for Sculpture at Davy/Memorial Park

Minutes: Kim Citrowske, Assistant City Planner, presented the proposal from local artist team, Catie Miller and Emily Williams-Wheeler, to create a swimming colony of beavers in the grass of Davy/Memorial Park for play and photo opportunities. The Art & Culture Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

**Motion to Approve Call for Art Proposal for Sculpture at Davy/Memorial Park made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

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## Administration

16. Minnesota Legislative Update

Minutes: Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director, presented a legislative update. Ms. Bode stated final conclusions of the 2022 legislative session will be provided once finalized.

17. Heartland Trail Bonding Bill: Dan Farnsworth, Transportation Planner MetroCOG

Minutes: Dan Farnsworth, Transportation Planner with MetroCOG, shared the history and future plans for the Heartland Trail. MetroCOG is pursuing support to develop the Heartland State Trail between Park Rapids and Moorhead.

A. Resolution of Support for Development of the Heartland State Trail between Park Rapids and Moorhead

**Motion to Approve Resolution of Support for Development of the Heartland State Trail between Park Rapids and Moorhead made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

For: 8

18. Resolution to Receive the City of Moorhead 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

**Motion to Receive the City of Moorhead 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

19. \*Authorize Contracts with MNDOT for 2022 Transportation Services

A. \*Resolution to Authorize a Contract with MNDOT for 2022 Public Transportation Services

B. \*Resolution to Authorize a Contract with MNDOT for 2022 Special Transportation Services for Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens

20. Resolution to Approve Legal Services Agreement with Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.

Minutes: Dan Mahli, City Manager, shared background on legal services in Moorhead and its history with the Ohnstad Twichell Law firm. John Shockley has been the City's lead attorney for over 20 years. Moorhead has been well-served by John's counsel and his record of service and participation in the City's achievements is commendable. In 2020, the City Council created a City Attorney workgroup to test the market and consider creating an in-house City Attorney office. After two reviews, one in the fall and one this past spring/summer, the workgroup recommends the City Council continue its relationship with John Shockley and the Ohnstad Twichell Law firm due to the dynamic team and historic context that is valuable to the City of Moorhead.

**Motion to Approve Legal Services Agreement with Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

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## Other

### 21. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Nesemeier toured the County landfill near Hawley and encouraged residents to take a tour and learn more about sanitation processes and the solid waste and recycling facilities.

Council member Hendrickson shared that Moorhead Public Service (MPS) has formed a committee to explore the possibility of a charitable contribution program to help residents in need of financial help paying their utility bill. MPS is sending-out a survey to gauge the level interest in Moorhead. Mr. Hendrickson attended Sole Solution Recovery Center's informational gathering, an outpatient recovery and addiction facility. The facility received a \$25,000 donation from a local bank to help with addiction in Moorhead.

Council member White congratulated Clay County Collaborative Coordinator Carolyn Strnad on her retirement. Ms. White thanked those who participated in Moorhead's Juneteenth event. FM Pride Week is taking place August 12–15. The Moorhead Human Rights Commission is a sponsor.

Mayor Carlson thanked the Red River Zoo for the invitation and tour. Ms. Carlson attended the Sanford Foundation's Friends & Family event. Congratulations on the FM Diversion project and to Attorney John Shockley who helped the many achievements on the project. MPS has notified citizens of a scam that is circulating. Mayor Carlson reminded citizens to not provide financial information over the phone. The next Cash Mob is happening at the Moorhead Fryn' Pan on June 29.

### 22. City Manager Report

Minutes: Dan Mahli stated Moorhead Traffic Engineer Jonathan Atkins & public safety teams have been at work this spring and summer to upgrade the City's traffic light preemption equipment. This means, the old siren activated systems are now replaced with infrared signals on emergency vehicle light bars. The Opticom traffic signal preemption is now on all but four traffic signals in town. Dan Mahli stated this is good news for public safety in Moorhead and thanked the people that work in Police and Fire departments and FM Ambulance. This is the 48<sup>th</sup> year of Moorhead's fireworks display. The Moorhead Business Association's 5656 Ooh & Aah Fireworks begin at 10:15 on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Horizon Shores Park.

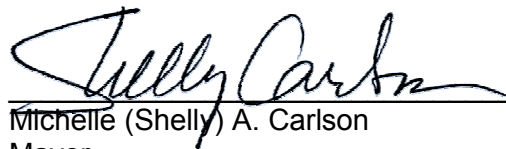
### 23. Executive Session (If needed)

### 24. New Business

### 20. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 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.

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Christina Rust, City Clerk*