



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 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 February 24, 2020, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Sara Watson Curry	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Shelly Carlson	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present
Mayor:	Johnathan Judd	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Absent
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: Executive session cancelled. Issue has been resolved.

4. [Consent Agenda](#)

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in accordance with the "Council Rules of Procedure". In such event, the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

Motion Passed

For: 7 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White, Larry Seljevold, Steve Lindaas

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

5. [Recognitions - Presentations](#)

- A. Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County (HCSCC) Annual Report - Maureen Kelly Jonason, Executive Director

Minutes: Maureen Kelly Jonason, Executive Director for HCSCC presented highlights from 2019. Many thanks to the City of Moorhead for their in-kind support of approximately \$400,000 in space, utility and labor costs. Concerns were brought up regarding charging Moorhead residents for something that is currently owned by the City (ship and Church tours). County contributes approximately \$200,000 that pays for salaries.

Ms. Jonason reports that the HCSCC was able to have 10 different exhibitions in 2019, which is a significant number for a museum this size.

Margret A. Cargill Foundation has extended funding for the Viking Connection to June 2020. At the end of 2019 the HCSCC was awarded \$89,000 by the MN Historical Society grant to make changes to lighting in the museum. An estimated 28,000 visitors came through the exhibitions in 2019. Daily tally sheet track the categories for age groups that come into the exhibits and will be presented in the annual report.

Currently approximately 800 people have memberships. Memberships are welcome and can be obtained by contacting the HCSCC. Audited financials will be completed in May 2020 and presented to the council.

Several Council Members had questions about the need to charge members of the public for entry, the significant city contribution, best use of the space owned by the City, and our future partnership.

6. Approve Minutes

A. [February 10, 2020 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve February 10, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 7 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White, Larry Seljevold, Steve Lindaas

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

7. [Citizens Addressing the Council \(Time Reserved: 15 Minutes\)](#)

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)

9. [Public Hearing for Abatement of Property Taxes for Participating Properties in the Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program](#)

Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Abatement of Property Taxes for Participating Properties in the Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program

Motion to Approve made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

Motion Passed

For: 7 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White, Larry Seljevold, Steve Lindaas

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Minutes: Dan Mahli introduced the public hearing for the Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program and asked the Mayor and City Council to consider granting 2-year

property tax abatements to 193 properties for a total estimated amount of \$215,473. He relayed Minnesota Statute 469.1813 Subd 5a stipulates that the governing body of the political subdivision may approve abatements after holding a public hearing.

Clay County and the Moorhead School District have held public hearings and approved their portions of the abatement. This abatement hearing includes new homes constructed in 2017 and 2018, in which value was accounted for in 2019 and taxes payable in 2020. Clay County will manage distribution of rebate payments to homeowners.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Sara Watson Curry and seconded by Shelly Carlson.

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Motion Passed

For: 7 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White, Larry Seljevold, Steve Lindaas

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

A. [Authorize Abatement of 2020 Property Taxes Payable for Qualifying Properties](#)

Minutes: Council Member Durand stated she has a conflict being she built her new home during that time and is the beneficiary of the abatement. She will abstain from Voting.

Motion to Authorize Abatement of 2020 Property Taxes Payable for Qualifying Properties

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist

Motion Passed

For: 6 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Deb White, Larry Seljevold, Steve Lindaas

Abstain: 1 - Heidi Durand

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Engineering Department

10. [*Receive petitions and order report for a proposed project to reconstruct and widen 16th St N from 1st to 2nd Ave N and reconstruct 2nd Ave N from 15th to 16th St N \(Eng. No. 21-A2-02\)](#)

A. [*Resolution to Receive petitions and order report for a proposed project to reconstruct and widen 16th St N from 1st to 2nd Ave N and reconstruct 2nd Ave N from 15th to 16th St N \(Eng. No. 21-A2-02\)](#)

11. [*Proposed street improvements on 14th, 18th and 18-1/2 St S \(Eng. Nos. 20-A2-03 & 20-A2-04\)](#)

A. [*Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing](#)

B. [*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specs and Authorize Advertisement for Bids](#)

Parks and Recreation Department

12. [*Resolution to Approve an Agreement with PepsiCo to be the Exclusive Beverage Provider for the City of Moorhead Park System](#)

13. [*Resolution to Change the Use of the Tennis Court at Horizon Shores Park to Pickleball Courts](#)
14. [*Resolution to Approve an Agreement with Jeff D. Olson to Provide a Retail Pro Shop at The Meadows and Village Green Golf Courses and Receive an Update on Moorhead Golf](#)

Administration

15. Approve Licenses - Permits
 - B. [*Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to 700 Events LLC dba River Haven](#)
 - C. [*Resolution to Approve a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premise Permit for Moorhead Youth Hockey Association](#)
16. [*Appointment of Election Judges for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary \(PNP\)](#)
17. [*Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreements with IAFF, Local 1323, Regarding Tuition Reimbursement](#)

Other

18. [Mayor and Council Reports](#)

Minutes: Council member Watson Curry attended the MetroCOG policy board and had presentations for the following: 1. Fargo safe routes to school that looks at how kids get to school safely with the current routes and looking at new ways to make safe routes to school, 2. Approved the final report the FM bicycle gaps analysis that looked at the bike paths in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Report is on the MetroCOG website.

Council member Dahlquist reminded everyone that CAPLP provides free tax services for people at the family center and a reminder to vote on March 3rd!

Council member Lindaas shared information from the FMWF Chamber event, Economic Forecast, and summarized that unemployment rate is very low and jobs, quality of life and housing are drawing people to our community. Lindaas attended the Chira Global Development Organization looks at what citizens love and the challenges of the area. Challenge was in translating skills to the workforce. Coffee with the Mayor was fun and filled with great conversation with citizens. Interest to connect and have safe walking and biking paths was spoken about, along with safe crossings for kids heading to school. Dan Mahli presented the Green Steps at the Climate Conversations. Next meeting will be the March 19, 2020 with discussion about water.

Council member White thanked the owners of River Haven that was toured today and everyone is very excited about the changes that are being made to the building and the beautiful view of the Red River from the new event center.

Council member Carlson thanked MBA and Parks & Rec for all of their hard work on the success of Frostival.

Mayor Judd – Reminded residents to be cautious for students that are walking/riding bikes to and from school. Be aware and slow down and pause so that we don't have a tragedy happen. Mayor Judd, city staff, Mayor Olson and his city staff attended the MN Chamber of Commerce Sessions Priorities events and thanked Chamber and City Manager Chris Volkers for setting up and facilitating the meeting. Thank you to Derby Dan for creating the winning vehicle at the Fargo VFW Derby.

19. [City Manager Reports - Updates](#)

A. [Annual Summary of Sponsorships](#)

Minutes: A special thank you for the annual sponsors/donors that help the Parks & Recreation department be such a success. A yearly report is required to show any discounts that show both and 2019 and 2020, which was presented to the Council.

20. Executive Session (If needed)

A. Executive session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3 (b) to meet with the City Attorney regarding city defense of civil claims made by Nathaniel Diah against Alexander James (city prosecutor) during the term of his employment as City Prosecutor.

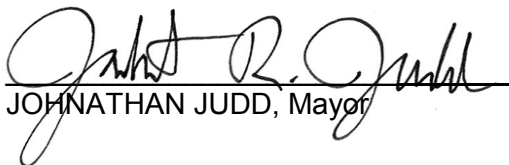
Minutes: Cancelled as issue was resolved.

21. [New Business](#)

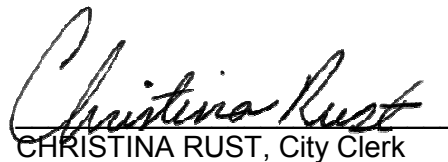
22. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

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