

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA  
May 18, 2009**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota, was duly held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, May 18, 2009, at 5:30 PM.

The following were present for roll call:

**Adjourned Council Meeting**

1. [Special Presentation - Jon Riewer, President, Eventide](#)

**Minutes:** Jon Riewer, Eventide, expressed his gratitude to the City of Moorhead for their assistance during the 2009 Flood. **5:31 PM**

2. [\\*Consent Agenda](#)

**Minutes:** The agenda was amended to add item #2-C (resolution to approve a budget adjustment for the Miracle Field). **5:33 PM**

- A. [\\*Resolution to Approve an Agreement with the Rotary Foundation Regarding the Construction of an Adaptive Play Surface \(Miracle Field\) at the Southside Regional Park](#)

**Motion made to Approve** made by John Rowell and seconded **5:34 PM**  
by Diane Wray Williams  
**Resolution No. 2009-525: Approve an Agreement with the Rotary Foundation Regarding the Construction of an Adaptive Play Surface (Miracle Field) at the Southside Regional Park**  
**Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0**

- B. [\\*Resolution to Authorize Agreement and Approve Budget Adjustment - City Hall Council Chambers Improvements](#)

**Motion made to Approve** made by John Rowell and seconded **5:42 PM**  
by Diane Wray Williams  
**Resolution No. 2009-526: Authorize Agreement and Approve Budget Adjustment - City Hall Council Chambers Improvements**  
**Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0**  
**Motion made to Approve** made by John Rowell and seconded **5:46 PM**  
by Diane Wray Williams  
**Resolution No. 2009-527: Approve budget adjustment for the Miracle Field**  
**Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

3. [Discuss No Parking Policy](#)

**Minutes:** Chad Martin, Operations Director, provided a brief **6:04 PM**

report regarding the City's current 'no parking' policy. He noted the City of Moorhead recently revised the designated 'no parking day' to accommodate the automated garbage collection system and snow removal. The particular area being discussed is located in an area of 20th to 24th Avenues South between 14th and 20th Streets. The Mayor and Council received a request from a resident of this area asking that the previous parking restrictions be reinstated for this neighborhood.

Martin reported the area, previously, had two days of no parking split between Wednesday and Thursday. In order to provide route continuity for the truck routes, both areas were combined into the Thursday no parking day. This affected the short tails of the streets that open east/west, and all other streets remained as they were before. This change also facilitates snow removal in the area by eliminating the need for the trucks/equipment to return a subsequent day.

Martin indicated this policy requires home owners in this section of the City to have cars off street during the day on Thursday in order to avoid a parking ticket. He closed by stating this policy exists in all the newer sections of the City, for example: Morningside is Monday, Ridgewood is Tuesday, Village Green is Wednesday, and most of the area south of I-94/west of 20th Street is Friday.

Kent Wolford, 1930 22nd Avenue South, related the problems he and his family experience due to the lack of on-street parking in this area. He disputed when snow removal occurs believing that in most cases the streets will be plowed following a snow event. He asked the Mayor and Council to reconsider the policy to allow him and his family the ability to park in front of his house.

4. [Election Issues Discussion:](#)

**Minutes:** Kaye Buchholz, City Clerk, reported the City of Moorhead received a request from Minnesota State University Moorhead to serve as the polling site for the residents of the 2nd Ward – 2nd Precinct. Mr. Daniel Kirk, Vice President Facilities and Administration, expressed the University's willingness to "make a safe and convenient free of charge parking available for those using the new

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polling place and those supporting polling activity.” She noted they conveyed their continued interest in hosting a polling site for 2009 as well as future elections.

Buchholz reported Minnesota State Election Law §204B.16 states; “The governing body of each municipality and of each county with precincts in unorganized territory shall designate by ordinance or resolution a polling place for each election precinct.” Designation of a polling site shall remain in effect until a different site is designated. No designation of a new or different polling place shall become effective less than 90 days prior to an election. To effect a change for this year, the Council must adopt a resolution before August 5, 2009 for the November 3rd City Election.

Daniel Kirk, Minnesota State University Moorhead, presented information regarding MSUM's desire to move the polling site for 2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct from Grace United Methodist Church (1120 17th Street South) to the MSUM campus, effective November 2009.

Kirk distributed information regarding their request. He noted the vision and mission statements of the University underscore a commitment to service and civic responsibility. He believes serving as a polling site aligns with these statements. The Comstock Memorial Union: is located adjacent to ample free parking; is handicapped accessible; offers food service and refreshments; is easy to find, is a safe and secure environment; and has professional facility staff available. In closing, Mr. Kirk conveyed it is MSUM's intention to provide a long-term commitment to serve as a polling site.

This matter was discussed by the Mayor and Council in great detail. Noted during the discussion, were the merits of having a polling site on campus to accommodate the students. However, it was also pointed out the City needs to be cognizant of the desires of the voting homeowners. Following additional comments regarding this request, it was suggested any change in polling site designation be delayed to coincide with redistricting in 2011 or 2012.

The consensus of the Mayor and Council was to

**discuss the efficacy of the City's polling sites with constituents and wait until after the 2010 census to determine ward and precinct lines before a decision is made.**

**Mayor Voxland thanked Vice President Kirk for his efforts on this issue.**

- A. [Consider Request for Polling Site Relocation \(2nd Ward - 2nd Pct\)](#)
- B. [Review City Election Designation \(Even Year / Odd Year\)](#)

**Minutes: Michael Redlinger, City Manager, recognizing the time, suggested the next item (review City election designation) be delayed and brought back at a future committee of the whole meeting. 7:07 PM**

5. [City Manager Reports](#)

**Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm. 7:13 PM**

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and said electronic file is available for public review.

APPROVED:

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MARK VOXLAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KAYE BUCHHOLZ, City Clerk