

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA
July 20, 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, July 20, 2009, at 5:30 PM.

The following were present for roll call:

Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Diane Wray Williams	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Dan Hunt	Absent
2nd Ward Council Member:	John Rowell	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Greg Lemke	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Lauri Winterfeldt	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Dan Bohmer	Absent

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Minutes: (NOTE for the Record: Council Member Bohmer attempted, via video conferencing, to participate in tonight's meeting. However, due to technical difficulties, the Mayor and Council were not able to physically view his participation, which is required to comply with Minnesota law. Therefore, the official record for tonight's meeting will not reflect his attendance.) **5:28 PM**

1. [Discuss Metro Flood Management Work Group Appointments](#)

Minutes: Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer, reported the four local jurisdictions have met a few times to discuss the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers metropolitan flood protection project. It was suggested a subcommittee be established as a 'working group' to report back to the respective elected bodies. The recommendation is to appoint two members from each jurisdiction and one member each from the watershed districts. Zimmerman reported the City of Fargo has selected Commissioners Wimmer and Mahoney to serve on this working group. **5:40 PM**

Council Member Hintermeyer noted the other jurisdictions have smaller elected bodies and as such two members represent approximately 40% of their respective commissions. Therefore, Moorhead may wish to request that three of its members, which would be closer to 40% of its elected membership, be appointed. He believes added membership will facilitate the process to attain consensus on the Moorhead City Council.

The following members expressed their interest and willingness to serve on this working group: Council Members Winterfeldt, Otto, Rowell and Wray Williams. Mayor Voxland contemplated the appointment of an alternate and indicated he will explore this with the other jurisdictions.

2. [2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Review - Eide Bailly LLP](#)

Minutes: Brian Stavenger, Eide Bailly, appeared before Mayor and Council to summarize the financial results for the City's operations for 2008. He reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report highlighting specific areas/fund balances. He also distributed and reviewed the following information: the General Fund ending cash and investments balance; General Fund ending unreserved fund balance, General Fund revenues and expenditures; special revenue change in fund, enterprise funds (net income before transfers and capital contributions); and the Internal Service Funds cash balance. **6:19 PM**

Mr. Stavenger reported Eide Bailly concluded the audit of the City's basic financial statements and issued a report on such. He indicated there were no findings relative to the City's audit. However, he pointed out each year they are required to examine "unpredictable procedures" (things they have not looked at in the past). This year they utilized the services of a forensic accountant. He noted a couple of internal control issues were identified and suggestions made to address such. In closing, Mr. Stavenger reminded the Mayor and Council that the Financial Report is "a snap shot of a particular time."

3. [Review City Election Designation \(Even Year / Odd Year\)](#)

Minutes: Mayor Voxland related the Council discussed election issues earlier this year, and noted, when asked, the Council decided to place the matter of election designation on a future agenda for discussion. The City of Moorhead has been conducting its city elections in the odd-numbered years, which was the practice of Independent School District No. 152. However, after the 2005 joint City/School General Election, the Moorhead School Board, in an effort to reduce costs, reviewed and subsequently revised their **6:35 PM**

designation to even-numbered years. The City of Moorhead continues to conduct its elections in the odd-numbered year cycle. Several members expressed concern that "local issues" would be lost if the election were moved from odd to even years.

Consensus of the Council was to forward this matter to the Charter Commission for review.

4. [City Manager Reports](#)

Minutes: There were no reports provided.

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Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

MARK VOXLAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

KAYE BUCHHOLZ, City Clerk