



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2019 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 22, 2019, 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:	Joel Paulsen	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Gehrtz	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present

City Council Meeting

1. [Call to Order and Roll Call](#)
2. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)
3. [Agenda Amendments](#)

Minutes: None

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.

Minutes: None

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Motion Passed

For: 8 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Deb White, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 0 - (None)

Recused: 0 - (None)

5. [Recognitions - Presentations](#)

A. [Transit New Service Expansion 2017-2019 Performance Report](#)

Minutes: Transit Manager Lori Van Beek presented an update to the Mayor and City Council regarding benefits to MATBUS from a grant by MnDOT. The grant was a two-year pilot program from July 2017 to June 2019. With this grant MATBUS was able to expand evening and weekend service in South Moorhead as well as Sunday MAT Paratransit service to Moorhead and Dilworth residents. Saturday service frequencies also changed from 60-minute intervals to 30 minutes. Councilmembers had discussion of the routes.

6. [Approve Minutes](#)

A. [July 08, 2019 Meeting](#)

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Shelly Carlson
Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion Passed

For: 8 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Deb White, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 0 - (None)

Recused: 0 - (None)

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

8. Mayor and Council Appointments

A. [*Appointment to Boards and Commissions](#)

[Public Hearings \(5:45 p.m.\)](#)

9. [Public Hearing to Consider Charter Amendment allowing the City to be a Member of the Chamber of Commerce and Other Organizations](#)

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Joel Paulsen and seconded by Sara Watson Curry
Motion to Open Public Hearing at 5:45pm.

Motion Passed

For: 8 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Deb White, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 0 - (None)

Recused: 0 - (None)

Minutes: Councilmembers had detailed discussion regarding the consideration of the Charter Amendment to allow the City to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Other Organizations.

A citizen addressed the Mayor and City Council stating in his opinion the city needs to remain independent and not adopt this amendment.

A second citizen addressed the Mayor and City Council stating she has no opinion whether the City should join the Chamber. However, it is up to the voters of Moorhead through the election of council members. Should any future council elected by the voters choose to join the Chamber that is up to them to decide not the current council.

Council noted the next step is a First Reading at the August 12 Council Meeting.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Sara Watson Curry and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist
Motion to Close Public Hearing at 6:08pm.

Motion Passed

For: 8 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Deb White, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 0 - (None)

Recused: 0 - (None)

Engineering Department

10. [*Resolution to Authorize Night Time Work \(Eng. No. 02-02-02\)](#)
11. [*Resolution to Award Bid for Street & Underground Utilities for the Preserve on Broadway \(Eng. No. 19-A6-01\)](#)
 - A. [*Resolution to Order Improvements & Declare Intent to Assess](#)
 - B. [*Resolution to Award Bid](#)

Community Development Department

12. [*Consider First Reading of Ordinance 2019-06: An Ordinance to Rezone 1401 and 1403 28th Ave N from RLD-0a: Residential Low Density 0a to HI: Heavy Industrial](#)

Moorhead Public Service

13. [*Approve Change Order No. 1 with A & R Roofing Company, Inc., for the Roof Replacement at Moorhead Public Service's Dispatch/Operations Center](#)
14. [*Credit Enhancement Program Agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority](#)
 - A. [*Resolution Authorizing the Entrance of a Credit Enhancement Program Agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority](#)
 - B. [*Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \\$10,000,000 General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2019](#)

Administration

15. [Resolution to designate Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)

Minutes: Vice Chair of the Human Rights Commission Willard Yellowberg, introduced Commissioner Heather Keeler, who initiated the proposal. Human Rights Commissioner Keeler presented to the Mayor and Council members the meaning of Indigenous Peoples' Day. This is a national movement, which is to be recognized on the second Monday of October. Council members had detail discussions about the resolution and the positivity of this movement. Multiple citizens addressed the Mayor and Council members regarding the benefits of the passing of this resolution.

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Sara Watson Curry
Motion to Approve Resolution Designate Indigenous Peoples' Day

Motion Passed

For: 7 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Deb White, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 1 - Steve Gehrtz

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 0 - (None)

Recused: 0 - (None)

16. [*Authorize Contracts with MnDOT for 2020-2021 Transportation Services](#)

A. [*Resolution to Authorize a Contract with MnDOT for 2020-2021 Special Transportation Services for Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens](#)

B. [*Resolution to Authorize a Contract with MnDOT for 2020-2021 Public Transportation Services](#)

17. [*Resolution to Authorize Purchase of a Paratransit Replacement Bus from North Central Bus Sales](#)

18. [Resolution to Approve Amendment #5 to the First Transit Contract for 2019-2020](#)

Minutes: Transit Manager Lori Van Beek presented to the Mayor and Council members amendment #5 to the First Transit Contract for the 2019 - 2020 for increased wages for drivers. The amendment for increased wages to due to multiple reasons including: increasing turnover, demand for CDL drivers, low unemployment, and difficulty in recruiting. Fargo City Commission already passed a resolution supporting; both municipalities must approve in order to implement.

Motion to Approve made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson
Motion to Approve Amendment #5 to the First Transit Contract for 2019-2020

Motion Passed

For: 8 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Deb White, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 0 - (None)

Recused: 0 - (None)

Other

19. [Mayor and Council Reports](#)

Minutes: Council member White attended the ribbon-cutting for FRS Works. Also attended the Human Rights Commission, who is participating in Pride in the Park. An invitation is extended the Mayor and Council, August 10, 2019.

Council member Dahlquist attended Seeds for hope event at MState, and Walking Into My Future event presented by the Boys and Girls Club.

Council member Gehrtz attend Metro COG, a study is being created on the various recreation opportunities available in the community.

Mayor Judd and most council members attended the All City Staff picnic on July 10, 2019 and gave thanks to city staff and City Manager Volkers, and the Executive team.

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

Minutes: No Report

21. Executive Session (If needed)

22. [New Business](#)

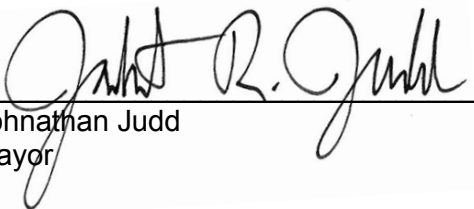
Minutes: None

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

Minutes: A citizen addressed the Mayor and Council members regarding concerns about the conditions at Romkey Park being in serious disrepair. Council member Durand addressed the citizens concern informing him the matter would be brought to the Parks & Recreation Director.


Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm

APPROVED BY:



Johnathan Judd
Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Brekken
City Clerk

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Michelle Brekken, City Clerk