



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 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 September 28, 2020, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Absent
1st Ward Council Member:	Sara Watson Curry	Present - video
2nd Ward Council Member:	Shelly Carlson	Present - video
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present - video
Mayor:	Johnathan Judd	Present - in chambers
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present - video
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present - video
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present - video
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Lindaas	Present - video

Also in Attendance:

Acting City Manager, Dan Mahli – in chambers
City Attorney, John Shockley – video
City Clerk, Christina Rust – in chambers

City Council Meeting

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

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Shelly Carlson

Motion Passed

For: 7
Absent: 1

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Update

Minutes: Acting City Manager thanked everyone for the collaboration and teamwork and provided an update on CARES Act funding. Derrick LaPoint presented information on the Moorhead CARES Business & Community Organization Relief Grant program. In total, the City of Moorhead has granted a total of 193 applications, totaling approximately \$1.7 million in direct business grants so far. Checks have been mailed to 157 businesses and community organizations with 36 applications in process. Clay County Commissioner Jennifer Mongeau announced that Clay County is offering a second round of CARES grant funding county-wide, available October 1-15, to local businesses with 20-50 employees, including nursing homes, foster care, assisted living, and healthcare

facilities. Discussion also took place regarding the Department of Motor Vehicle moving into the Moorhead Center Mall.

- B. 2020 Indigenous Peoples' Day - Heather Keeler, Moorhead Human Rights Commission
Minutes: Heather Keeler, Vice Chair of the Moorhead Human Rights Commission, presented events happening on Indigenous People Day October 12, 2020. Discussion took place regarding adjusting the 2021 City Council meeting from the second Monday in October to Tuesday, October 21, 2021, so City Council members can attend evening Indigenous People Day events next year.
- C. MATBUS Transit Authority Study – Michael Maddox, FM Metropolitan Council of Governments
Minutes: Moorhead Transit Administrator Lori Van Beek introduced the transit authority study along with Michael Maddox from the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments who presented a study on creating a transit authority in the FM metro. Discussion took place regarding the future of transit services.

6. Approve Minutes

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Motion to Approve September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Larry Seljevoid and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Motion Passed

For: 7

Absent: 1

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

Economic Development

9. *Resolution to Approve RFP for Realtor Services

Engineering Department

10. *Resolutions to Approve Amendments to Professional Engineering Task Orders for the SE Main Ave/20 St/21 St Railroad Grade Separation Project. Eng. No. 02-02-02G.

A.*Resolution to Approve Amendment #1 to Task Order #1 with SRF Consulting Group

B.*Resolution to Approve Amendment #1 to Task Order #2 with Braun Intertec Corporation

11. *Resolutions to Approve Agreements for the Acquisition of Parcel No. 58.324.0020 (1020 Center Ave). Eng. No. 14-02-03C

A.*Resolution to Approve Purchase Agreement

B.*Resolution to Approve Option to Purchase and Use Agreement

12. *Resolution to Approve Various Actions for 2020 Petitioned Sewer and Water Services (Eng. No. 21-A6-01) and Petitioned Concrete Repairs (Eng. No. 21-A7-01)

Community Development Department

13. Consider Actions Relating to the Comprehensive Plan Update

Minutes: City Planner/Zoning Administrator Robin Huston presented the comprehensive planning process. The contract is with Stantec, who is also facilitating Moorhead's downtown plan.

- A. Resolution to Approve Contract/Scope of Work with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- B. Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #20-019

Motion to Approve A & B Resolution to Approve Contract/Scope of Work with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 7

Absent: 1

14. Resolution to Consider Public Art Proposal - Riverside Lofts Dumpster Art

Minutes: Kim Citrowske, Assistant City Planner presented the public art proposal. Riverside Lofts is presenting dumpster art on their garbage and recycling bins at their building. The Art & Culture Committee approved the art at their September 21, 2020 meeting.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Consider Public Art Proposal - Riverside Lofts Dumpster Art made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 7

Absent: 1

Public Works Department

15. *Resolution to Approve Street Maintenance Agreements

Administration

16. *Resolution for Appointment of Election Judges for the November 3, 2020 General Election

17. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to Create and Enact Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Business and License Regulations for Short Term Consumer Lenders

Minutes: Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented a first reading of ordinance 2020-10 to regulate short term lending institutions in Moorhead. A public hearing was held on September 14, 2020.

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to Create and Enact Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Business and License Regulations for Short Term Consumer Lenders made by Sara Watson Curry and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 6

Against: 1 - Larry Seljevold

Absent: 1

18. 2021 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy Presentation

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli and Finance Director Karla McCall presented an overview of the 2021 preliminary budget, including City of Moorhead and Moorhead Economic Development Authority maximum tax levies.

- A. Resolution to Approve the Preliminary 2021 City Tax Levy
- B. Resolution to Approve the Preliminary 2021 EDA Tax Levy

Motion to Approve A & B Resolution to Approve the Preliminary 2021 City Tax Levy made by Deb White and seconded by Shelly Carlson

Motion Passed

For: 7

Absent: 1

19. *Resolution to Accept Grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life

Other

20. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member White suggested the public visit and enjoy the Blue Goose Trail, which is now open.

Council member Lindaas stated he recently participated in the Climate Justice March in Fargo-Moorhead and shared information on climate change concerns. Council member Lindaas made a motion to declare a climate emergency and direct Acting City Manager to work with staff and leaders in the climate action community to develop a plan of priorities. Second by Council member White.

Motion to table discussion until the next City Council meeting made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Heidi Durand.

Motion Passed

For: 7

Absent: 1

Council member Watson Curry reminded residents this is the last week to drop off junk at the Moorhead Transfer Station for free. She also expressed a thank you to election judges and confirmed with the City Clerk that there are enough election judges for the upcoming general election. CM Watson Curry pointed out an insert in the current Moorhead Public Service bill regarding assistance for households in need of support to pay their energy bills. She stated residents must start by making a request.

Mayor Judd thanked City staff, specifically Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff, for their efforts to open the River Oaks Dog Park. He stated there is a lot of positive feedback about the amenity. Mayor Judd mentioned the MN Mayors Together group will meet on September 29 to address broadband in rural communities and how to advance support for local economies during the pandemic. Mayor Judd recently gave a presentation to the Moorhead Lions Club about what is happening in Moorhead and he attended a Back the Blue event.

21. City Manager Reports - Updates

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli invited the public to a Pumpkin Party in Moorhead on October 15 from 3:00-6:00 at Memorial Park. He added the Minnesota Department of Health is offering free

COVID-19 testing at the Moorhead Armory from 12:00–6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29 to Thursday, October 1.

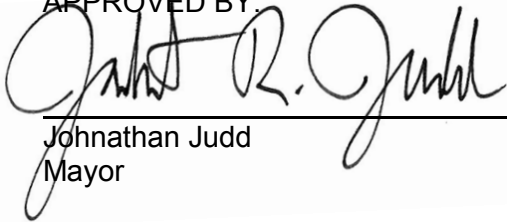
22. Executive Session (If needed)

23. New Business

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59pm

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*