

**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2012 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 November 26, 2012, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Luther Stueland	Absent
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Mike Hulett	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Gehrtz	Present

City Council Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. [Recognitions - Presentations](#)

A. [Recognition: Senator Keith Langseth \(District 9\)](#)

Minutes: Mayor Voxland recognized Senator Keith Langseth and thanked him for his years of service in the Minnesota Legislature.

B. [Recognition: Lane Schirado, Eagle Scout Project](#)

Minutes: Jill Wenger, Assistant City Manager, and Mayor Voxland recognized Lane Schirado, Eagle Scout with Troop 637, who volunteered to clean/repair 102 voting booths.

3. [Approve Minutes](#)

A. [10-22-12 City Council Minutes](#)

B. [10-29-12 Adjourned Council Meeting Minutes](#)

C. [10-29-12 Committee of the Whole Minutes](#)

D. [11-13-12 City Council Minutes](#)

E. [11-19-12 Adjourned Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve made by Brenda Elmer and seconded by Mike Hulett

Motion to Approve All Minutes as Submitted

Motion None
For: 7; Absent: Luther Stueland

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

Minutes: James Van Raden, Moorhead resident, expressed his concern with the Moorhead Police Department.

5. [Agenda Amendments](#)

Minutes: No agenda amendments were noted.

6. [Consent Agenda](#)

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are enacted by one motion.

Motion to Approve made by Brenda Elmer and seconded by Nancy Otto
Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion Passed
For: 7; Absent: Luther Stueland

7. Mayor and Council Appointments

Minutes: No Council Appointments were noted.

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

8. [Public Hearing on Proposed Major Service Increases to Moorhead MATBUS Routes 2, 7 & 8](#)

Minutes: Public Hearing Opened at 5:48 p.m.

Lori Van Beek, Transit Manager, gave a brief recap of the major service increase to the Moorhead MATBUS Routes 2, 7, and 8 to become effective January 2, 2013.

City staff clarified the following in response to the Mayor and Council questions:

- Sunday ridership is not a top priority in the plan due to the high cost of service and lack of demand.
- The increase in service does not require any additional equipment needs.
- Ridership of MATBUS Routes 7 & 8 increase was incorrectly estimated at 50%. Ridership increased only by 25%.

Public Hearing Closed

A. [Resolution to Approve Major Service Increases to Moorhead MATBUS Routes 2, 7 & 8](#)

Motion to Approve made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Mark Altenburg
Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Major Service Increases to Moorhead MATBUS Routes 2, 7 & 8

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2012-1126-1**
For: 7; Absent: 1 - Luther Stueland

Community Services Department

9. [*Resolution to Approve 2013-2014 Letter of Agreement with Clay County Social Services for Transportation](#)
Resolution 2012-1126-A
10. [*Resolution to Approve a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Dilworth and Valley Senior Services for Operation of Metro Senior Ride for 2013](#)
Resolution 2012-1126-B
11. [*Resolution to Approve Amendment #1 to the First Transit Contract for 2013](#)
Resolution 2012-1126-C

Police Department

12. [*Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment to Transfer Monies from State Drug Seizures for the Purchase and Training of a K-9 Dog](#)
Resolution 2012-1126-D

Moorhead Public Service

13. [*Award Bids for 2013 Electrical Materials](#)
Resolution 2012-1126-E

Administration

14. [Actions Related to Ordinance 2012-18: An Ordinance Adopting the 2013 Fee Schedule](#)

Motion to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Mike Hulett
Motion to Approve All Actions Related to Ordinance 2012-18: An Ordinance Adopting the 2013 Fee Schedule

Motion Passed
For: 7; Absent: 1 - Luther Stueland

- A. [Resolution to Approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-18](#)
 - B. [Resolution to Approve Title & Summary of Ordinance 2102-18](#)
Resolution 2012-1126-2
15. [Mayor and Council Reports](#)

Minutes: Council Member Otto reported that Oakport Joint Powers Board met and discussed zoning Probstfield Farm to allow agricultural animals.

Council Member Elmer reported that the EDA Board approved the transfer of \$10,000 for the tax forfeited lots and approved the 2013 EDA levy and budget of \$245,000.
 16. [City Manager Reports - Updates](#)

Minutes: Michael Redlinger, City Manager, provided notice of upcoming City Council meetings.

A. [Bluestem Contract for Deed Presentation/Discussion](#)

Minutes: Michael Redlinger, City Manager, gave a brief history of the Bluestem property. He stated that based upon dissolution of Bluestem and termination of the Contract for Deed, the City will retain ownership of the 50-acre area and special assessments in the amount of \$318,055 will remain on the property.

Council Member Elmer stated that she may have a potential conflict of interest in the matter, as her spouse is involved with Bluestem's dissolution as a legal advisor.

City staff clarified the following in response to the Mayor and Council questions:

- Once Bluestem ceases to exist, the Contract for Deed will essentially be terminated. The Bluestem organization can terminate the Contract for Deed with the City prior to their dissolution.
- Staff suggested authorizing the City Manager to draft a letter requesting Bluestem to terminate the Contract for Deed.

Council Member Otto stated that the City of Moorhead has already invested funds in Bluestem, and the Council needs to look at the original agreement to see if the City of Moorhead is liable for any costs.

Council Member Durand suggested forming a regional partnership and that the City of Moorhead should not assign the property without a plan in place.

Council Member Altenburg recommended that annual program budgets and reports be submitted to the City of Moorhead for review.

Council Member Hulett suggested contacting Fargo Public Schools to advise them of the Council's concerns and discuss how FPS intends to utilize the Contract for Deed property in the future.

Council Member Hintermeyer would like to see a letter from Fargo Public Schools regarding their intent with the Contract for Deed property. Special assessment debt should not be the responsibility of the taxpayers of Moorhead.

Motion to Approve made by Mark Hintermeyer and seconded by Steve Gehrtz
Motion to Approve the City Attorney to Draft a Letter to Assign the Contract for Deed to Fargo Public Schools.

Motion Failed

For: 3 - Mark Hintermeyer, Steve Gehrtz, Nancy Otto; Against: 3 - Heidi Durand, Mark Altenburg, Mike Hulett; Abstain: 1 - Brenda Elmer; Absent: 1 - Luther Stueland

17. Executive Session (If needed)

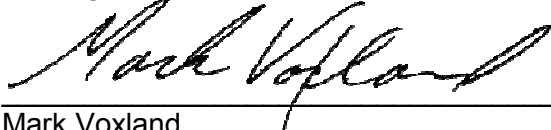
Minutes: No Executive Session was needed.

18. [New Business](#)

Minutes: No new business was noted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Mark Voxland
Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle French
City Clerk

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Michelle French, City Clerk