



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM  
Hjemkomst Center**

*Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Hjemkomst Center on October 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM.*

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Matthew Gilbertson	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heather Nesemeier	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Laura Caroon	Present
Mayor:	Shelly Carlson	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevoid	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Lindaas	Present

**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 Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

For: 8

5. Recognitions & Presentations

A. Coalition of Great Minnesota Cities

Minutes: Lisa Bode, Director of Governmental Affairs, introduced Shane Zahrt and Bradley Peterson, Flaherty & Hood, P.A. who shared the work that is being done by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC). Mr. Peterson also shared that 2022 will see the repeat of many 2021 themes in the legislature. These include public safety, equity, and COVID-19 response.

6. Approve Minutes

A. October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

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

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

A. \*Resolution for Appointments to Boards and Committees

**Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)**

9. Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Cash Rental Properties LLC, leasing to Cash Concrete LLC, for a Property Tax Exemption for Project located at 1817 23 St S

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator, presented a property tax exemption application for new value related to the expansion of Cash Rentals Properties LLC located at 1817 23 St S. The exemption will allow for the expansion of the existing Moorhead business and an additional 31 full-time employees. The owners of Cash Rentals were available to answer questions.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

A. Resolution to Approve Property Tax Exemption for Cash Rental Properties LLC, leasing to Cash Concrete, located at 1817 23 St S (58.503.0015)

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Property Tax Exemption for Cash Rental Properties LLC, leasing to Cash Concrete, located at 1817 23 St S (58.503.0015) made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

10. Public Hearing to Consider 2021 Border City Enterprise Zone Program

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Larry Seljevold**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator, presented the Border City Enterprise Zone program. As of October 25, 125 applications have been received with an estimated value of \$400,000–\$450,000 to be utilized from the fund to support local businesses in Moorhead.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

A. Resolution to Approve 2021 Border City Enterprise Zone Program

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve 2021 Border City Enterprise Zone Program made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

For: 8

11. Public Hearing for Special Assessments - 2020 Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Kristie Leshovsky, Director of Community Development, presented the 2020 unpaid administrative penalties and abatements. The property maintenance portion of the assessments follows an administrative citation and penalty system. Ms. Leshovsky stated the goal is compliance, not fines. She added the city attempts to work with property owners first to identify alternatives when they receive the initial violation. Guy Johnson, Moorhead resident, addressed the City Council to object to the assessment on his property.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

For: 8

A. Resolution to Approve 2020 Special Assessments - Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve 2020 Special Assessments - Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

## Fire Department

12. \*Resolution to Enter into the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team Joint Powers Agreement Amendment 3 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division and Approve Budget Adjustment #21-020

## Police Department

13. \*Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2021-16: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-2 of the Moorhead City Code Relating to All-Terrain and Recreational Vehicles

A. Second Reading

B. Title and Summary

## Administration

14. Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2021-12: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 2, Chapter 5, Article A of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Tobacco

Minutes: Dan Mahli, City Manager, reviewed proposed changes to Ordinance 2021-12 which includes compliance with Federal Tobacco 21 (T21) legislation which raises the minimum legal sales age for all tobacco products from 18 to 21 and a flavored tobacco restriction that prevents the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including but not limited to flavored cigarettes, smokeless, chewing and all other tobacco products. As written, the proposed changes commence January 1, 2022. Mr. Brad Erpelding, CFO of Northland Vapor, and Amy Kiehl, Store Manager at Orton Oil Company, spoke in opposition to

restricting the sale of flavored tobacco and vape products. Mr. Erpelding also requested, if the restriction is approved, that the commencement date be extended six months to July 1, 2022.

A. Second Reading

**Motion to Approve Second Reading made by Shelly Dahlquist and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

**Motion to Amend Motion to extend the deadline to July 1, 2022 made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Larry Seljevoid**

Motion Failed

For: 3 - Matthew Gilbertson, Laura Caroon, Larry Seljevoid

Against: 5 - Shelly Dahlquist, Heather Nesemeier, Deb White, Chuck Hendrickson, Steve Lindaas

**Original Motion to Approve Second Reading made by Shelly Dahlquist and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

For: 7

Against: 1 - Gilbertson

B. Title & Summary

**Motion to Approve Title & Summary made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

15. Consider First Reading of Ordinance 2021-15: An Ordinance to amend and reenact Section 12.03 of Chapter 12 of the Charter of the City of Moorhead Relating to Commission Membership

Minutes: Mike Rietz, Assistant City Manager, presented a proposed change being recommended by the Moorhead Charter Commission to the Moorhead City Charter Commission that would increase the membership public utility commission (Moorhead Public Service Commission) from five to six members and include a sitting member of the City Council. The Charter Commission discussed that the change could create a situation where tie votes could occur. However, the Charter Commission felt this would encourage greater a level of consensus, as four votes would be required to move action items forward. Council member White noted, if approved, it may be not be necessary to have a Council member serve as liaison to the Moorhead Public Service Commission and recommended eliminating the liaison position.

**Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2021-15: An Ordinance to amend and reenact Section 12.03 of Chapter 12 of the Charter of the City of Moorhead Relating to Commission Membership made by Deb White and seconded by Larry Seljevoid**

Motion Passed with Approval vote by Mayor Carlson

For: 8

16. Resolution to Adopt 2022 City of Moorhead Legislative Priorities

Minutes: Lisa Bode, Director of Governmental Affairs, shared Moorhead's proposed legislative priorities for 2022. The priorities include, in no particular order, Interstate Mutual Aid, Flood Mitigation, Border City Competitiveness, and Construction Standards. Ms. Bode also shared a possible opportunity in the future with the FM Science Museum. Discussion ensued related to Interstate Mutual Aid. Ms. Bode stated staff will review and edit wording in the resolution related to public safety standards and compatibility with interstate mutual aid law enforcement partnerships in Minnesota and North Dakota.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Adopt 2022 City of Moorhead Legislative Priorities with revisions to the wording related to interstate mutual aid law enforcement partnerships made by Deb White and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson**

Motion Passed

For: 8

17. Pre-Sale Summary for Issuance of Bonds

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli stated there is good news on the issuance and refunding of existing bonds in Moorhead from the city's municipal finance advisor Paul Steinman with Baker Tilly. City staff and Baker Tilly have identified opportunities to refund outstanding bonds for significant interest cost savings. The proposed bond issuance and refunding reduces the city's annual debt service requirement by an average of \$1,170,000.

**Motion to Approve Pre-Sale Summary for Issuance of Bonds made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Larry Seljevoid**

Motion Passed

For: 8

A. Resolution Providing for the Competitive Sale of the Series 2021A Bonds

B. Resolution Providing for the Competitive Sale of the Series 2021B Bonds

C. Resolution Providing for the Competitive Sale of the Series 2021C Bonds

**Other**

18. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Lindaas shared the MATBUS Connect Program allows residents to download an app to track trips and save money. He added the Greenlight Priority Program allows buses to have priority through green lights, allowing for better timing of routes.

Council member White stated that November 1 is the deadline to nominate individuals and organizations for a Moorhead Human Rights Award.

Council member Nesemeier mentioned the public is invited to the Monster Mash Trunk or Treat event taking place at the Moorhead Center Mall parking ramp on Thursday, October 28 from 5-7 p.m. CM Nesemeier also stated Clay County is continuing its "Take Back Jack" event Nov 1 to 14. The event allows residents to compost pumpkins and information can be found on the [Clay County website](#).

Mayor Carlson shared the Library and Community Center Task Force had a kick-off meeting on October 19 with much excitement and energy. The Mayor also congratulated the Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre on its sold-out opening weekend of Young Frankenstein.

19. City Manager Report

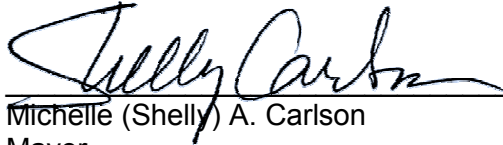
Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli highlighted the Try MATBUS Week which provides activities and events during the week of October 25. He stated the Moorhead Airport was named Airport of the Month in Minnesota. Mr. Mahli also recognized Moorhead's Southside Water Tower for being chosen as Tank of the Year out of 300 entries.

- 20. Executive Session (If needed)
- 21. New Business
- 22. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

Minutes: Roger Swenson, Moorhead Residents shared his thoughts.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

APPROVED BY:



Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Rust  
City Clerk

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