



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 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 November 9, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present - video
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 - video
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 – video
Attorney, Katie Bertsch – video
City Clerk, Christina Rust – video

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Consent Agenda
Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Steve Lindaas
Motion Passed
For: 8
5. Approve Minutes
 - A. Meeting Minutes - October 26, 2020
Motion to Approve the October 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Deb White and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist
Motion Passed
For: 8
6. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)
7. Mayor and Council Appointments
 - A. Appointment of 11th Street Grade Separation Design Team

Minutes: In an effort to engage the community with the 11th street grade design team, the City will create a team that would work together to create a design manual and look at different areas for potential features. The lead agency is MNDOT. If there are citizens that would be interested in serving, the City Council asked to bring the names forward. There was a request to include a representative from Freedom Resources for Independent Living.

Motion to Approve Appointment of an 11th Street Grade Separation Design Team with the addition of Ezzat Haider and a representative from Freedom Resources made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist

Motion Passed

For: 8

Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)

8. Public Hearing to Consider 2020 Border City Enterprise Zone Program

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Shelly Carlson

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Economic Program Administrator Amy Thorpe shared the Border City Enterprise Zone Program background. 123 applications have been received at this point, with the expectation that the reduction to Moorhead's Enterprise Zone fund may be approximately \$400,000 to \$450,000 once all applications are received. The balance remaining in Moorhead Enterprise Zone account is approximately \$1 million. Thanks to the 2019 Legislature, Moorhead receives an annual appropriation each July of approximately \$520,000.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8

- A. Resolution to Approve 2020 Border City Enterprise Zone Program

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve 2020 Border City Enterprise Zone Program made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Motion Passed

For: 8

Community Development Department

9. *Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2020-11: An Ordinance to Re-zone a portion of 828 30th Ave S and all of 900 30th Ave S from RC: Regional Commercial/GO: Gateway Overlay to MU-3: Commercial Mixed Use/Gateway Overlay

A. *Second Reading

B. *Title & Summary

Public Works Department

10. *Resolution to Approve Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the Hjemkomst Center

Administration

11. Resolution to Exercise Purchase Option Agreement for Eventual Tenant Homeownership - Maple Court Townhomes

Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode shared the history of the purchase option agreement. The City of Moorhead now has the option to purchase the remaining units. The purchase price is 33% of the current value of each unit. Final City Council approval will take place once negotiations occur with current tenants.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Exercise Purchase Option Agreement for Eventual Tenant Homeownership - Maple Court Townhomes made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8

12. *Resolution for Contingent Award of a Contract to First Transit for Operation of Mass Transit Services

Other

13. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council Member Durand invited everyone to attend a Zoom call in to raise awareness and educate communities on payday lending on November 18 at 10:00 am.

Council Member Dahlquist recognized Moorhead Police Department Captain Deric Swenson, and officer Shawn Griego for their continuing education. Officer Griego was the recipient of the Joshua Hanson Service Scholarship. Ms. Dahlquist asked the public to remember to check-up on neighbors. She also suggested the City look into alternative responses to address needs related to checking on the health and welfare of people and families.

Council Member White shared that she attended the West Central Initiative's quarterly meeting. Ms. White highlighted a survey and resources that will soon be available to support economic resilience in communities. One of the recurring issues is a lack of access and affordability for child care.

Council Member Lindaas updated the City Council that the Coalition for Greater Minnesota Cities' Policy Committee on Energy and the Environment met. It is looking at a policy to promote clean air and water to advocate at the State level. Mr. Lindaas stated MATBUS is hosting a virtual open house for the 2021-2025 Transit Development Plan on November 19 at 5:00 pm. Input is welcome and appreciated.

Council Member Watson Curry noted the Cass Clay Food Commission has an open board seat available for a community member and applications are on social media. Ms. Watson Curry also shared information on local emergency resources available in times of need.

Mayor Judd thanked the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center for the opportunity to speak at its annual Harvest Fling event. Mayor Judd also recognized nurse practitioners and nurses for their work in the community. The next virtual coffee with the Mayor is scheduled on November 19th from 6-7 pm with Ward 1 representatives. Mayor Judd congratulated all candidates in the recent election and recognized Matthew Gilbertson and Laura Caroon for being elected to the City Council in Wards 1 & 2, respectively. Mayor Judd also thanked City Clerk Christina Rust and her election team on another successful election.

14. City Manager Reports - Updates

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli reported the general election went smoothly considering the many challenges facing communities in 2020. He reported by all accounts Moorhead and Clay County can confidently state the 2020 election was a safe, fair, and accessible election. He added a special City Council meeting is planned for Friday, November 13 at 12:00 pm to canvass the results of the election.

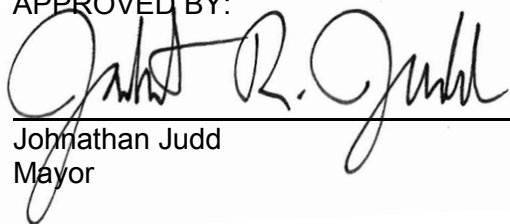
15. Executive Session (If needed)

16. New Business

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48pm

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*