

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA  
March 09, 2009**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota, was duly held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, March 09, 2009, at 5:30 PM.

The following were present for roll call:

1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Dan Bohmer	Absent
2nd Ward Council Member:	Diane Wray Williams	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	John Rowell	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Dan Hunt	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Lauri Winterfeldt	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Greg Lemke	Present
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present

**City Council Meeting**

1. [Call to Order and Roll Call](#)
2. [Recognitions/Presentations/Introductions](#)
3. [Approve Minutes of February 17 and 23, 2009](#)

**Motion made to Approve made by Diane Wray Williams and seconded by Nancy Otto 5:31 PM**

**Motion to Approve Minutes of February 17 and 23, 2009  
Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1**

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

**Minutes: Jean Beutler, Vision Loss Support Group, established approximately one year ago in Clay County, submitted a petition regarding the senior ride services. The group is requesting that the Senior Ride Program add a second van to accommodate the various ride schedules. She asked Council to address this. 5:34 PM**

**Council Member Wray Williams moved, seconded by Council Member Rowell, to accept this petition, which motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Mayor Voxland indicated staff will forward this request to the Transit Manager. The Transit Manager's response will be forward to Ms. Beutler.**

5. [Agenda Amendments](#)

**Motion made to Approve made by John Rowell and seconded by Nancy Otto 5:35 PM  
Motion to Approve Agenda Amendments**

**Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1**  
**Minutes: Add item #12-A – Change public hearing date to consider adoption of proposed assessments for various projects (nuisance/rental fees) 5:35 PM**

6. [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.

**Motion made to Approve made by Dan Hunt and seconded by Lauri Winterfeldt 5:35 PM**

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

**Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1**

**Minutes: Add 12-A (Change public hearing date to consider adoption of proposed assessments for various projects) 5:35 PM**

7. [\\*Approve Licenses - Bonds](#)

8. [Mayor and Council Reports - Appointments](#)

**Minutes: Council Member Wray Williams distributed a copy of the demographic statistical report as prepared by the Moorhead Public Housing Agency. 5:37 PM**

A. [Resolution to Approve Planning Commission Appointment](#)

**Motion made to Approve made by John Rowell and seconded by Diane Wray Williams 5:38 PM**

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Planning Commission Appointment**

**Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1**

**Community Services Department**

9. [\\*Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the F-M Metropolitan Council of Governments, State of North Dakota, State of Minnesota, and City of Fargo for Transit Planning](#)

10. [\\*Resolution to Approve Request for Proposals for the Purchase of an Electronic Registering Farebox System](#)

11. [\\*Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One Replacement and One Expansion Paratransit Bus from North Central Bus Sales](#)

12. [\\*Resolution to Approve Peterson Minor Subdivision \(No Planning Commission recommendation\)](#)

**Engineering - Wastewater Treatment**

13. [\\*Resolution to Accept Completed State Aid Project - 4th St from 12th to 24th Ave S. Eng. No. 05-A2-16](#)
14. [\\*Resolution to Accept Completed State Aid Project - 5th St from 12th to 24th Ave S. Eng. No. 06-A2-1](#)
15. [\\*Resolution to Award Bids for a Sanitary Sewer Extension at 1901 1st Ave N \(Churches United\). Eng. No. 08-A6-1](#)
16. [\\*Resolution to Award Bid for Street & Underground Utility Improvements for Horizon Shores 5th Addition. Eng. No. 09-A2-4/09-A6-4](#)
17. [\\*Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #09-003 for Activities Associated with Midcontinent Communications Infrastructure Installation](#)
18. [\\*Resolution to Revise Municipal State Aid Street Routes](#)

**Fire Department**

19. No Items Scheduled

**Operations Department**

20. No Items Scheduled

**Police Department**

21. [\\*Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment - Transfer Drug Seizure Funds to the Police Department Operating Supplies Account](#)
22. [\\*Resolution to Approve Towing Service Contract](#)

**Moorhead Public Service**

23. [\\*Resolution to Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Feeder 14 and Feeder 19-20 Tie Installation](#)
24. [\\*Resolution to Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 2009 Street and Lawn Repairs](#)
25. [\\*Resolution to Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 2009 Water Distribution Pipe and Fittings](#)

**City Attorney Reports**

26. No Items Scheduled

**City Manager Reports**

27. [\\*Resolution to Approve Police Supervisors Post Retirement Health Care](#)

[Savings Plan Amendment](#)

28. [Good News - Good People](#)

**Minutes:** Leigh Wilson-Mattson, Assistant to the City Manager, related the recent 'Good News • Good People' announcements. **5:39 PM**

29. [Reports - Updates](#)

**Minutes:** Scott Hutchins, Community Services Director, provided an update on the following: **5:42 PM**

- Discussion concerning development security has been scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>;
- FEMA Flood Plain maps/update has been scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Bike bridges have been raised;
- Clay County Public Health Workshop notice; and
- The City Comprehensive Planning efforts continue.

A. Federal - State Legislative - Budgetary Issues: Updates-Action

B. [Flood Preparation Update](#)

**Minutes:** Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer, indicated the most recent flood forecast was released on Feb. 27th. He noted the probabilities – 50% chance of greater or less than 36 ft; and 10% chance of 38 ft. He provided some comparable flood levels. At this point, the likelihood of a flood at the 1997 levels is less than 10%. A new forecast will be issued at the end of this week. Staff continues to meet in an effort to prepare for any flood. They've started with an inventory of supplies and looking at locations where emergency dikes are constructed. A public information meeting has been scheduled for March 16th (5:30 p.m.) at MSUM. Notice of this meeting will be published this Wednesday and Sunday in addition to a press release from the City Manager's office. **5:53 PM**

An issue dealt with in every flood event is sand and sandbags. He reminded them of the City policy, in that the City does not provide sand and/or bags to protect private property. Staff does not recommend any change to that policy, unless directed otherwise by the City Council.

Staff will compile a list of FAQ's that will be posted

on the City's website and continue to monitor the conditions.

Zimmerman conveyed most of the water is located in the North Dakota portion of the Wild Rice/Sheyenne river basins. He related "there is no where near the same amount of water" in the Red River basin as there was in 1997. He guessed that it is very unlikely that Moorhead will experience a flood of the same duration of length as 1997. However, he was quick to point out things can change. The flood stage is governed by the snow melt. A rapid snow melt with rain can very easily drive the flood stage up to near that level.

C. Other

30. [Executive Session \(if needed\)](#)
31. Other Reports
32. New Business
33. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

**Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.**

**5:54 PM**

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and said electronic file is available for public review.

APPROVED:

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MARK VOXLAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KAYE BUCHHOLZ, City Clerk