



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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 September 13, 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

Minutes: Items #12A & #12B were asked to be removed from the agenda.

4. Recognitions – Presentations
 - A. MoorHeart Recognition

Minutes: The MoorHeart recognition was presented to Moorhead = Fantastic Facebook administrator Mara Morken and moderators Chris Orth and Marsha Drewlow Wichmann. Ms. Morken thanked the community.

5. Consent Agenda

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

Motion Passed

For: 8

6. Approve Minutes

A. August 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve August 23, 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

Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)

9. [Public Hearing Regarding the Request Southwind Asset Management LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 2223 Hwy 10 E](#)

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: The applicant requested additional time to gather information before proceeding. As a result, the City Council was asked to consider a motion to continue the public hearing until the next City Council meeting on September 27, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

Motion to Continue Public Hearing until September 27, 2021 meeting made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 8

Economic Development

10. [*Resolution to Approve the Sale of Land to KR Investment Holdings LLC for Property Located at 4126 29 Ave S \(58.417.0310\), 4202 29 Ave S \(58.418.0010\) and 4210 29 Ave S \(58.418.0020\)](#)
11. Resolution to Approve Modification of Restaurant Incentive

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, CEO/President Downtown Moorhead Inc, presented a modification to the City's Incentive Policy for "New or Expanding Restaurants" to allow Employee Credits city-wide to new or expanded restaurants. This modification was approved unanimously by the Economic Development Authority at its August 30, 2021 meeting. Employee Credits would be allocated from the Moorhead Border City Enterprise Zone fund balance.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Modification of Restaurant Incentive made by Deb White and seconded by Matthew Gilbertson

Motion Passed

For: 8

Engineering Department

- ~~12. *Resolutions for Prairie Meadows 7th Addition (Eng. No. 21-A6-03)~~

~~A. *Resolution to Order Improvements and Declare Intent to Assess~~

~~B. *Resolution to Award Bid~~

13. *Resolution to Approve Various Actions for 2021 Petitioned Sewer and Water Services (Eng. No. 22-A6-01) and Petitioned Concrete Repairs (Eng. No. 22-A7-01)

14. *Resolutions for Completed Public Improvement Projects Funded with Special Assessments
 - A. *Resolution to Call for Hearing
 - B. *Resolution to Declare Costs

Community Development Department

15. Consider First Reading of Ordinance 2021-08: An Ordinance Rezoning 815 Main Ave from CC: Community Commercial to MU-1: Downtown Mixed Use

Minutes: Robin Huston, City Planner, shared the request for rezoning of 815 Main Ave from Community Commercial to Downtown Mixed Use. Applicant Carol Tepley was available to address questions from the City Council.

Motion to Table until September 27, 2021 meeting made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 7 - Dahlquist, Gilbertson, Caroon, Nesemeier, White, Seljevold, Hendrickson

Against: 1 - Lindaas

16. *Consider First Reading of Ordinance 2021-14: An Ordinance Rezoning 801 2nd Ave N from RMD-2: Residential Moderate Density-2 to MU-1: Downtown Mixed Use
17. *Consider Actions Relating to Village Green 7th Addition
 - A. *Resolution to Approve Vacation of Right of Way and Easements within Village Green 6th Addition
 - B. *Resolution to Approve Preliminary and Final Plat
 - C. *Resolution to Approve Developer's Agreement

Police Department

18. *Resolution to Approve a Sixth Amendment to the Third Amended and Reconstituted Joint Powers Agreement

Public Works Department

19. Resolution Related to Herbicides in Select City Parks

Minutes: Steve Iverson, Public Works Director, addressed the City Council with a recommendation from the Park Advisory Board to consider permitting herbicide applications in 12 Moorhead parks during the fall of 2021. This summer's drought has exacerbated weed growth locally, specifically thistles, beyond nuisance levels. Park Advisory Board Chair James Hand communicated information that was discussed at the Park Advisory Board meeting. The proposed spraying would take place at MB Johnson, Johnson Farms, Horizon Shores, Village Green, Village Green East, Village Green Sixth, Meadows, Stonemill, Trails at Stonemill, W.H. Davy/Memorial, Queens and Woodlawn parks.

Motion to Approve Resolution Related to Herbicides in Select City Parks made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion to Amend Resolution with the removal of MB Johnson Park made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Failed

For: 4 - Dahlquist, Caroon, Nesemeier, White

Against: 4 - Gilbertson, Seljevold, Hendrickson, Lindaas

Against: Mayor Carlson

Motion to Approve Resolution Related to Herbicides in Select City Parks made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 5 - Gilbertson, Caroon, Seljevold, Hendrickson, Lindaas

Against: 3 – Nesemeier, White, Dahlquist

Administration

20. Approve Licenses - Permits

A. Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to The Clubhouse, LLC dba The Clubhouse Indoor Golf Lounge

Minutes: Due to having a financial interest in the business, Council member Gilbertson recused himself from the meeting. City Clerk Christina Rust presented the application for the On-sale/Sunday liquor license for The Clubhouse, LLC.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to The Clubhouse, LLC dba The Clubhouse Indoor Golf Lounge made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist

Motion Passed

For: 8

C. *Resolution to Approve Off-Site Gambling Permit to Moorhead Youth Hockey Association on October 16, 2021

21. *Resolution to Accept Quarterly Donations

Other

22. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Nesemeier thanked the public for coming to the Greater Moorhead Days Parade and all of the staff and volunteers for making the events fun and successful.

Council member White was thankful to participate in the VFW's 9/11 commemorative event. Ms. White stated Indigenous Peoples Day events will be hosted in Moorhead on October 11. Council member White echoed the appreciation for the Greater Moorhead Days events.

Council member Caroon will participate in a panel for the "She Starts Week" hosted by the Moorhead Business Association and Representative Heather Keeler on Sept 20, 2021 at the RiverHaven Events Center. More information can be found at www.shestartsweek.com

Council member Hendrickson attended the Beyond Shelter and Affordable Housing conference. He also met with leaders from Amazon and heard about its vision for the F-M area. He stated the facility will create approximately 1,000 new jobs in the community.

Council member Lindaas shared information on policy amendments that are being worked on with the League of Minnesota Cities' Policy Committee on Improving Service Delivery.

Mayor Carlson stated that she had the privilege of swearing in 7 new police officers that will be serving the City of Moorhead. She added that Meet the Mayor with Ward 4 Council members went well and marked the completion of Meet the Mayor events in 2021. Cash Mob Moorhead will take place at Buffalo Wild Wings on Tuesday, September 14.

Mayor Carlson shared the creation of a citizen task force to study and engage the community around the feasibility of a new Library Community Center in Moorhead. The residents asked to serve include Nick Woodard, Lisa Borgen, Shane Kvalevog, James Hand, Doug Greenley, Karla Solum, Sajid Ghauri, Cani Aden, Danielle Wright, Oliver Judd, and Greta Almie.

23. City Manager Report

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli announced that Moorhead is now recognized as a Step 4 GreenStep City in Minnesota. He stated work is in progress to achieve Step 5 in the coming year.

Mr. Mahli stated earlier that evening a Ramsey County judge suspended Minnesota's new law that changes the standard for peace officers and use of force. As a result, the federal law standard is reinstated until the lawsuit can be resolved. This is an interesting development in relation to public safety, especially as it relates to local mutual aid agreements. Mr. Mahli added many in the Moorhead, Clay County, and North Dakota are tracking the issue and more information is to come as it develops.

24. Executive Session (If needed)

A. Closed executive session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3 for attorney consultation regarding negotiating the terms and conditions of a Master Development Agreement with MCM Development, LLC for the redevelopment of the Moorhead Center Mall.

Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:01 pm made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Exited closed session at 7:40pm

25. New Business

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

Minutes: Resident Darren Dreessen addressed the City Council regarding public safety and concern for police officers in high density areas of Moorhead.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

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.