



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 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 September 14, 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 - in chambers
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 – in chambers  
City Attorney, John Shockley – in chambers  
City Clerk, Christina Rust – in chambers

**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 Steve Lindaas and seconded by Larry Seljevold**  
Motion Passed  
For: 8
5. Recognitions - Presentations
  - A. Update from the Moorhead Public Library & Lake Agassiz Regional Library  
Minutes: Lake Agassiz Regional Library Director Liz Lynch updated the City Council on services taking place during the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated the pandemic regional libraries have expanded online services and the Moorhead Library reopened in July. Ms. Lynch shared the 2021 budget.
  - B. Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth  
Minutes: Moorhead Human Rights Commission Chair Cani Adan presented a resolution recognizing June 19 as Juneteenth annually. Resident Destiny Holiday expressed her excitement for the recognition and support of the community and Moorhead City Council.

**Motion to Approve Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth made by Deb White and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson**

Motion Passed

For: 8

C. Small Business Week Proclamation

Minutes: Downtown Moorhead Inc President Derrick LaPoint delivered a proclamation for National Small Business Week, which was originally scheduled in May & postponed to September 20-26. Mr. LaPoint encouraged people to continue shopping and supporting local Moorhead businesses now and in the future.

6. Approve Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes - August 24, 2020

**Motion to Approve August 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Shelly Carlson**

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 Nick Agnew on behalf of A-P Real Estate LLC leasing to A-P Concrete LLC for Property Tax Exemption for a Project Located at 4125 32 Ave S

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Sara Watson Curry.**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint presented a property tax exemption request from Nick Agnew on behalf of A-P Real Estate to be leased by A-P Concrete LLC. Construction is planned to begin soon with a completion goal of January 2021.

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

Motion Passed

For: 8

A. Resolution to Approve a Property Tax Exemption for A-P Real Estate LLC (leasing to A-P Concrete LLC) for the Construction of an Industrial Building Located at 4125 32 Ave S

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve a Property Tax Exemption for A-P Real Estate LLC (leasing to A-P Concrete LLC) for the Construction of an Industrial Building Located at 4125 32 Ave S made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 7

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

10. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to Create and Enact Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Business and License Regulations for Short-Term Consumer Lenders

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Heidi Durand**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented a proposed Ordinance 2020-10 that will create and enact a municipal code relating to a Business and License Regulations for Short-Term Consumer Lenders. Moorhead business owner of Greenbacks Inc Nicholas Laid spoke in opposition to the proposal. Council member Durand spoke to data regarding people who utilize payday loans and related findings that restrictions encourage people to identify healthier ways to attain money and lower expenses, such as working with local banks and organizations such as Exodus Lending.

### **Economic Development**

11. \*Resolution to Approve a Long-Term Lease Agreement for Sprenger Properties Minnesota LLC Located at 4141 30 Ave S to Construct a Building Over a City Railroad Easement
12. \*Resolution Approving the Issuance by Moorhead Economic Development Authority Facilities Revenue Note for Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals
13. Economic Development Update

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint updated the City Council on Moorhead's CARES Business Relief Grants, which received over 200 applications. \$1.7 million in CARES Act funding is committed and includes 90 universal businesses, 42 sole proprietors, 15 nonprofit organizations, and 53 minority-women-veteran owned businesses.

Mr. LaPoint also stated plans for a housing and commercial Tax Increment Financing District at I-94 & 8th St S Moorhead will be brought forward in the coming weeks.

### **Engineering Department**

14. \*Final Assessment Hearing Resolutions for Completed Public Improvement Projects Funded with Special Assessments.
  - A. \*Resolution Declaring Costs and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessments
  - B. \*Resolution to Call for Hearing

### **Community Development Department**

15. \*Resolution to Approve Easement Vacation - Astrup's Second Addition
16. \*Resolution to Approve Easement Vacations - Prairie Meadows Sixth Addition

### **Public Works Department**

17. Mosquito Control Update

Minutes: Moorhead Public Works Director Steve Moore and Cass County Vector Control Director Ben Prather presented information on the metro area mosquito control program. There was City Council discussion and Moorhead residents were heard. Council members encouraged community dialogues

with residents and/or a workgroup to continue to identify program improvements and solutions in Moorhead, Fargo, West Fargo, Dilworth, and Cass and Clay counties.

## **Administration**

### 18. 2021 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy Presentation

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli introduced the 2021 preliminary budget & tax levy. The goal in 2021 is to maintain essential City services, take care of employees, and ensure a balanced budget. He added the goal of this evening's presentation is to get budget information in front of the public and City Council ahead of a request to approve the preliminary budget on September 28. Final budget approval will be requested in December 2020. Finance Director Karla McCall presented a PowerPoint with preliminary budget & tax levy information.

### 19. Approve Licenses - Permits

A. \*Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Covert Op, LLC dba Murphy's Pub

B. \*Resolution to Approve a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premise Permit for Moorhead Youth Hockey Association

### 20. \*Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the State of Minnesota for 2021 Grant Funds for Transit Vehicle Replacements

### 21. \*Resolution to Accept Quarterly Donations

## **Other**

### 22. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Carlson stated the Moorhead Public Library will host a Shred-a-Thon Fundraiser September 14–19. Residents can bring documents to be shredded during regular business hours at a cost of \$5.00 per grocery bag. Funds generated during the event will support the mobile library. She added residents can call the Moorhead Public Library at 218-233-7594 for information.

Council member Lindaas, White and Watson Curry attended an open house sponsored by the Metropolitan Council of Governments' about MATBUS services and reported sensible improvements are proposed. The public can review plans and provide feedback at [www.fmmetrocog.org](http://www.fmmetrocog.org).

Council member Watson Curry stated the Cass Clay Food Commission presented information on local food systems since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also announced the Village Family Service Center is offering a free walk-in mental health clinic on Wednesdays from 9:00–5:00 beginning September 23. For more information, residents can call The Village in Moorhead at 701-451-4811.

Council member White thanked City staff and community members for their work on events during Greater Moorhead Days. The River Oaks Dog Park had its ribbon cutting earlier in the day with a great turnout. Council member White also stated the Red River Run is a virtual run this year.

Mayor Judd expressed appreciation to the City Council and staff for its work on the 2021 budget. The Mayor stated Minnesota Mayors Together met and discussed how local MN economies will look as the weather cools and COVID-19 numbers continue to rise. He added being a border City presents a unique set of challenges altogether. The Mayor also mentioned a City Council Candidate Informational Forum was hosted on September 2 for City Council candidates in the November 3 election.

23. City Manager Reports - Updates

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli expressed appreciation for the River Oaks Dog Park opening. He also encouraged people to visit [cityofmoorhead.com](http://cityofmoorhead.com) to learn about Greater Moorhead Days events and participate in the virtual parade. Mr. Mahli and City Attorney John Shockley presented information on an employment posting in the coming days to advertise hiring an in-house city attorney.

24. Executive Session (If needed)

A. Closed Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. 3 (c) (3) for the purpose of developing offers or counter offers for the sale of real property described as Clay County Parcel No. 589001758 having an abbreviated legal description of N 1/2 NE 1/4 Less 1.84 acres Section 28 Township 139 Range 048

**Motion to Enter Closed Session at 8:43 pm made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

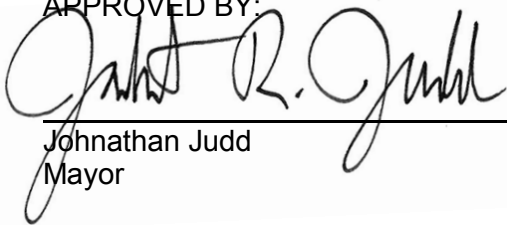
Exited Executive Session at 9:02 pm

25. New Business

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 pm**

APPROVED BY:

  
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Johnathan Judd  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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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*