



**City of Moorhead
Special City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2020 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on November 23, 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 Seljevoid	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
City Attorney, John Shockley – Video
City Clerk, Christina Rust – Video

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 Deb White

Motion Passed
For: 8

5. Recognitions – Presentations
 - A. Proclamation – Minnesota State Representative Ben Lien
Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode introduced Representative Ben Lien and shared appreciation for his support throughout his time in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Mayor Judd read a proclamation and made a few comments, in addition to City Council members, to express appreciation to Representative Lien for his leadership.
 - B. Proclamation – Small Business Saturday
Minutes: Downtown Moorhead Inc President/CEO Derrick LaPoint introduced the proclamation for Small Business Saturday. Mr. LaPoint stated small businesses need people now more than ever

during the very difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Judd presented the Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, which is November 28, 2020.

- C. Presentation – Community Workforce Inclusion Council
Minutes: Chet Boden, Workforce Strategy Consultant with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), and Laetitia Hellerud, Founder of Ubuntu Consulting, presented the Community Workforce Inclusion Plan and possibilities for moving the project forward in Moorhead and the region.

6. Approve Minutes

- A. November 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- B. November 13, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve November 9, 2020 and November 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Shelly Carlson

Motion Passed

For: 8

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

Engineering Department

- 9. *Resolution to Order Reports for Various 2021 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Street Improvements

Fire Department

- 10. *Resolution to Enter into Agreement for the Joint Operations of Unmanned Aircraft Systems between City of Moorhead and Clay County Sheriff's Office
- 11. *Resolution to Adopt the Clay County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Community Development Department

- 12. Consider Actions Relating to Transportation Alternatives Grant Application – Bike/Pedestrian Bridge at Bluestem Center for the Arts

Minutes: Assistant Planner Forrest Steinhoff presented a grant application to construct a bike/ped bridge across the Red River near Bluestem Center for the Arts. The total anticipated budget for the bridge is \$4.8 million and the project cost would be split between Moorhead and Fargo. If approved, grant funding would be available in 2025.

- A. Resolution to Approve Sponsorship – Bike and Pedestrian Bridge Crossing at Bluestem Center for the Arts – 50th Avenue South
- B. Resolution to Operate and Maintain – Bike and Pedestrian Bridge at Bluestem Center for the Arts at 50th Avenue South

Motion to Approve Sponsorship (A) and Operate and Maintain (B) Relating to Transportation Alternatives Grant Application – Bike/Pedestrian Bridge at Bluestem Center for the Arts made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8

Moorhead Public Service

13. *Resolution to Award Bids for 2021 Electrical Materials

14. Moorhead Public Service – 2021 Budget

Minutes: Moorhead Public Service General Manager Travis Schmidt presented MPS' 2021 budget.

Administration

15. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-12: An Ordinance to repeal Title 2 Chapter 2a – Pool, Billiards and Other Amusement Devices from the Moorhead City Code

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-12: An Ordinance to repeal Title 2 Chapter 2a - Pool, Billiards and Other Amusement Devices from the Moorhead City Code made by Deb White and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

Motion Passed

For: 8

16. *Resolution to Approve Annual Agreement with Moorhead Community Access Media (MCAM)

17. *Resolution to Approve and Adopt the City of Moorhead Emergency Operations Plan

18. 2021 City of Moorhead Budget Summary

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli presented the City of Moorhead's 2021 budget. A public hearing and approval of the 2021 budget will be requested at the December 14, 2020 City Council meeting.

19. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-13: Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Fee Schedule

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-13: Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Fee Schedule made by Deb White and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

Motion Passed

For: 8

Other

20. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Shelly Dahlquist thanked Tony Tilton with MCAM and Chris Radi with the City of Moorhead's Division of Information Technology for their good work to broadcast City Council and other public meetings and make them accessible to residents via virtual technology.

Council member Shelly Carlson reported the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board has been working with Legal Services of Northwestern Minnesota to offer kiosks throughout rural MN. The Moorhead Public Library is chosen as a location and will offer printers, scanners, computers, and webcams to offer people access to legal services in a COVID safe way. The kiosks are expected to be up and running by the end of the year.

Council member Watson Curry announced the Metropolitan Council of Government's has an opening on its Policy Advisory Committee. She suggested contacting Acting City Manager Dan Mahli for information. Ms. Watson Curry added the Cass Clay Food Partners board has an at large position open particularly, for county residents. She also mentioned the Ward 1 virtual Coffee with the Mayor was a success and thanked everyone that participated. Ms. Watson Curry concluded by stating the Red River Valley COVID-19 Task Force meets weekly for anyone on the City Council interested in serving.

Council member White stated the Moorhead Human Rights Commission has reviewed applications for its annual Human Rights Awards. The recipients will be recognized at the December 14 City Council meeting.

Mayor Judd met with Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and discussed legislative lobbying efforts. Mayor Judd also thanked Boy Scout Troop 644 for participating in the Ward 1 virtual Coffee with the Mayor. He added the next virtual coffee with City Council members in Ward 3 is scheduled on December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

21. City Manager Reports - Updates

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli stated the Moorhead City Council typically does not meet on the 4th Monday in December. That meeting is December 28, 2020. There was consensus among the City Council to not meet on that day.

Dan Mahli mentioned Moorhead staff is heartbroken with the abrupt passing of Mary Schmitt. Mary worked in the Department of Community Development. She was a friend to many, kind, and dearly missed. The loss is difficult.

Dan Mahli added, although the City of Moorhead fought to keep him, Public Works Director Steve Moore has accepted a position to lead operations and emergency management with the Moorhead Public School District. The only consolation is Steve Moore is staying in Moorhead and will continue to serve the community.

22. Executive Session (If needed)

A. Closed executive session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b), to provide the City Attorney and HR director instructions regarding negotiation of an employment agreement with the preferred candidate for City Manager.

Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:47 pm made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Larry Seljevoid

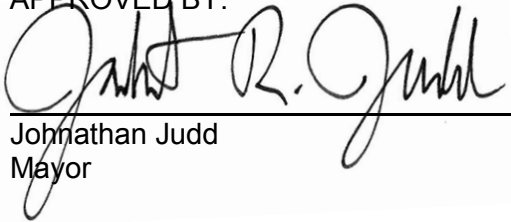
Motion Passed
For: 8

23. New Business

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm

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*