



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

*Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on January 11, 2021, 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:	Matthew Gilbertson	Present – Chambers
2nd Ward Council Member:	Shelly Carlson	Present – Video
2nd Ward Council Member:	Laura Caroon	Present – Video
Mayor:	Johnathan Judd	Present – Chambers
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:**

City Manager, Dan Mahli – Chambers  
City Attorney, John Shockley – Video  
City Clerk, Christina Rust – 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 with modification of #14 made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed  
For: 8

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Clay County Business Relief Program – Derrick LaPoint, President/CEO Downtown Moorhead Inc Minutes: President/CEO of Downtown Moorhead Inc Derrick LaPoint updated the City Council on the State of Minnesota’s COVID-19 Business Relief funding. In one of the programs, checks will be mailed directly from the MN Department of Revenue in the coming week. In addition, City Manager Dan Mahli and Derrick LaPoint are meeting with Clay County and others in the area to develop a program for local restaurants/bars, gyms, and event centers. Businesses who received funds in the first round of CARES Act support are eligible and residency requirements are not a factor. New businesses are also eligible to apply.

6. Approve Minutes

**Motion to Approve December 14, 2020 and December 23, 2020 made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Matthew Gilbertson**

Motion Passed

For: 8

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

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

A. \*Resolution to Approve Mayoral Appointments of Council Members to Committees, Boards, and Commissions

B. Resolution to Approve Appointment of Mayor to City Council Committees, Boards, and Commissions

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Appointment of Mayor to City Council Committees, Boards, and Commissions made by Deb White and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson**

Motion Passed

For: 8

C. \*Resolution for Appointments to Boards and Committees

**Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)**

9. Public Hearing Regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan Draft

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Community Development Administrator Joshua Huffman identified a publishing error in the FM Extra posting which required an extension to the public hearing and comment period.

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

Motion Passed

For: 8

10. Consider Actions Relating to 825 46th Avenue S (Parcel 21.029.4201):

A. Public Hearing: Annexation Petition of Storemoor LLP

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Shelly Dahlquist and seconded by Larry Seljevoid**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: City Planner/Zoning Administrator Robin Huston shared consideration of a land annexation for a self-storage project which finished phase one in 2020.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist**

Motion Passed

For: 8

- B. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-14: Annexation of 825 46th Avenue S (Parcel 21.029.4201)

**Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-14: Annexation of 825 46th Avenue S (Parcel 21.029.4201) made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

**Economic Development**

11. \*Resolution to Approve Publication of the 2021 Notice of Land Availability
12. \*Resolution to Approve 2021 Tax Increment Interfund Loan

**Engineering Department**

13. \*Various Actions for the 2021 Final Wearing Course Project (Eng. No. 21-A2-05).
- A. \*Resolution to Receive Report, Order Plans & Specifications and Call for a Public Hearing
- B. \*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Ad for Bids

**Community Development Department**

14. Resolution to Approve Comprehensive Plan Study Review Committee

Minutes: Council member White requested that an advocate for people with disabilities be included on the Comprehensive Plan Study Review Committee.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Comprehensive Plan Study Review Committee with the addition of a disability advocate made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

**Police Department**

15. \*Resolution to Accept the Amendment to the Grant for the 2020 Funding for the Lakes to River Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force
16. \*Resolution to Authorize the Funding Contribution of \$2,500.00 from the DUI Forfeiture Account to the 7th Judicial District Office for the Clay/Becker Drug Court - Budget Adjustment #21-002
17. \*Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2020-15: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Section 3-7-1 of 3-7-9 of the Moorhead City Code Relating to Animal Control Definitions and Prohibited Acts and Conditions
- A. \*Second Reading
- B. \*Title and Summary

## Administration

18. Resolution to Consider Partial Refund of On-Sale liquor License Fees

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli presented a recommendation to the City Council to approve a partial refund of on-sale liquor license fees in an effort to offset economic hardship resulting from business closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Consider Partial Refund of On-Sale liquor License Fees made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Matthew Gilbertson**

Motion Passed

For: 8

19. Actions to Request Legislative Authority to Enable a Future Voter Referendum for a Local Option Sales tax to Finance a Regionally Significant Library/Community Center

Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode shared history of a local option sales tax. In 2020, the Minnesota State Legislature did not act on local option sales tax requests. Passage of the resolution does not obligate the City to put a local option sales tax question on the next ballot, but rather, a request must be submitted to the State Legislature by January 31, 2021 to receive authority study and potentially ask voters in the 2022 general election.

A. Resolution Supporting the Authority to Impose a Local Option Sales Tax to Fund Specific Capital Improvements Providing Regional Benefit, to Establish the Duration of the Tax and the Revenue to be Raised by the Tax, and to Authorize the City to Issue Bonds Supported by the Sales Tax Revenue

**Motion to Approve Resolution Supporting the Authority to Impose a Local Option Sales Tax to Fund Specific Capital Improvements Providing Regional Benefit, to Establish the Duration of the Tax and the Revenue to be Raised by the Tax, and to Authorize the City to Issue Bonds Supported by the Sales Tax Revenue made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 7

Abstain: 1 - Matthew Gilbertson

B. Resolution Documenting the Regional Significance of the Moorhead Public Library/Community Center Identified for Possible Funding through a Local Option Sales Tax which may be considered by Voters in 2022

**Motion to Approve Resolution Documenting the Regional Significance of the Moorhead Public Library/Community Center Identified for Possible Funding through a Local Option Sales Tax which may be considered by Voters in 2022 Shelly Dahlquist and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

For: 8

20. \*Resolution to Affirm 2021 City Council Meeting Dates

21. \*Resolution to Designate the Official Newspaper and Website of the City

22. \*Resolution to Designate Official Depositories, Signers and Authority to make Electronic Funds Transfers

## Other

### 23. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: City Council members expressed thanks to all recently appointed local board and committee members.

Council member Dahlquist suggested residents check-out the FM Extra newspaper for good reporting and communication with the community.

Council member Lindaas expressed appreciation for the paths and trails in Moorhead and encouraged the public to enjoy the outdoors this winter.

Council member Carlson announced the Adopt a Hydrant program that is being launched during Frostival. She suggesting visiting the City of Moorhead website to find information on how to get involved. There are more than 2000 fire hydrants.

Council member Hendrickson shared that work with Clay County continues on the new transfer station.

Mayor Judd thanked the Department of Information Technology for its work on the website and creativity that has been put into the updates. Mayor Judd thanked MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Steve Grove for his openness to discussions about re-opening businesses in Minnesota. The Mayor also stated the Annual State of the Cities event sponsored by the FMWF Chamber of Commerce is taking place virtually on January 14 at 8:00 a.m.

### 24. City Manager Report

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli welcomed new council members and offered a brief update on growth and development in Moorhead. Mr. Mahli stated the auditorium at the Hjemkomst Center is fit-up for meetings and allows for social distancing. The City Council did not indicate interest in resuming in-person public meetings at this time.

### 25. Executive Session (If needed)

A. Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.04 for Labor Negotiations

**Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:01pm made by Larry Seljevold and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

**Motion to Continue Open Meeting at 7:24pm made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

**Motion to Continue**

Motion Passed

For: 8

B. Resolution to Approve Labor Agreement and Memorandums of Understanding Between the City of Moorhead and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local 375 Police Sergeants and Police Lieutenants

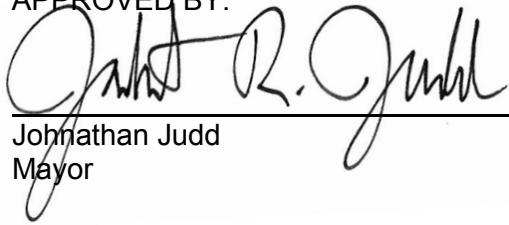
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Motion Passed  
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- 26. New Business
- 27. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm**

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*