



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 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 August 24, 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 - video
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 Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas
Motion Passed
For: 8
5. Recognitions - Presentations
 - A. Proclamation for Women's Equality Day
Minutes: Council member Carlson introduced Markus Krueger, Programming Director at the Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County, who gave a presentation on women winning the right to vote, the 19th Amendment, and women suffrage forerunners in Moorhead. Council member Carlson presented a Women's Equality Day Proclamation and commented on the right to vote and work that continues.
6. Approve Minutes
 - A. Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2020

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2020 made by Larry Seljevold 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 for Special Assessments - Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements

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

Motion Passed
For: 8

Minutes: Kristie Leshovsky presented a summary of 2019 unpaid special assessments – unpaid administrative penalties and abatements. If violations are not corrected, fees are established with compliance and education being the main goal. There was an appeal filed for 1412 3rd St S, Moorhead. An email was submitted and added to the record. Staff supported removing the fee in this instance due to the property being in new ownership.

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

Motion Passed
For: 8

- A. Resolution to Approve 2019 Special Assessments - Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve 2019 Special Assessments – Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements with the removal of 1412 3rd St S in Moorhead made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed
For: 8

Economic Development

10. Moorhead CARES Small Business Relief Grant Update

Minutes: Kristie Leshovsky updated the City Council on the approximately 140 CARES Small Business Relief Grant applications that have been received as of August 17 and accepted until August 31. Staff is reviewing applications daily and coordinating with Clay County. Ms. Leshovsky expressed gratitude for the partnership, the City Council, and staff – especially Community Development, Economic Development, & Information Technology – for the help in a public process that was created and initiated in a month.

Parks and Recreation Department

11. Resolution to Approve a Partnership Agreement with River Keepers for the Canoe and Kayak Program

Minutes: Director of Parks and Recreation Holly Heitkamp presented a partnership agreement to continue and formalize the canoe and kayak program partnership with River Keepers.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve a Partnership Agreement with River Keepers for the Canoe and Kayak Program made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

Motion Passed

For: 8

Community Development Department

12. *Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2020-08: Text Amendment to the City Code Regarding Stormwater Management Plans and Impervious Surface Area
 - A. Second Reading
 - B. Title and Summary
13. *Resolution for Budget Adjustment #20-017 to Accept Grant Monies from the West Central Initiative and the Minneapolis Foundation for 2020 Census Marketing

Administration

14. *Resolution to Approve 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020 Action Plan including CARES Act CDBG-CV Funds, and Amended Citizen Participation Plan to HUD - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
15. Resolution to extend Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program through 2022

Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented a draft resolution to extend the Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program. This program has been in place since 2009 when the State of MN funded the program as a market recovery activity. Since 2009, the program has become self-sustaining as an incentive for new homeownership in Moorhead.

Motion to Approve Resolution to extend Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program through 2022 made by Shelly Dahlquist and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 7

Abstain: 1 - Heidi Durand

16. *Amendment to Emergency Ordinance 2020-05: An Emergency Ordinance to Create and Enact Emergency Ordinance 2020-05 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Dwelling Unit Occupancy for Groups of Unrelated Adults
17. *Resolution of Support for 2020 Minnesota Legislative Bonding Bill

Other

18. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Durand reported on a short term loan ordinance that was presented to the Moorhead Human Rights Commission on August 19. A draft resolution will be presented to the City Council at its September 14 meeting. The Human Rights Commission unanimously recommended the proposed standards for pay day loans in Moorhead. Council member Durand also updated that bench wraps are in production and anticipated to be installed in 4-6 weeks.

Council member Watson Curry thanked City Clerk Christina Rust and team for a successful primary election. She stated the City is still in need of election judges leading up to the general election on November 3. CM Watson Curry recently attend an Emerging Leaders presentation by the United Ways of Cass Clay about communication and inclusion. CM Watson Curry also mentioned the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board is seeking public comment for potential rule changes. She stated the contact is Rebecca Gaspard and she can be reached at 651-201-7781. CM Watson Curry stated although Night to Unite is cancelled this year to prevent the spread of COVID-19, she encouraged people to create neighborhood block clubs and stay connected. She suggested visiting cityofmoorhead.com or reaching out Community Policing Officer Leann Wallin at 218-299-5143 for information.

Council member White welcomed students back to Moorhead.

Mayor Judd welcomed students and thanked staff and faculty for keeping people safe. He added Minnesota Mayors Together met with Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan to discuss broadband in rural MN and expanding internet throughout rural Minnesota. Mayor Judd stated masking is going well within our community. He also mentioned a State of MN bonding bill is still on the table and thanked Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode for her continued work on it for Moorhead. Mayor Judd added that he is participating in a Zoom event with Minnesota Public Radio about the future of policing on Wednesday, August 26 at noon.

19. City Manager Reports - Updates

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli stated as schools reopen and students return to classes in coming weeks, staff is being asked to rise by lifting others, which is what we learn from educators. Mr. Mahli also mentioned National Suicide Week is September 6-12. This year's theme is to Keep Going.

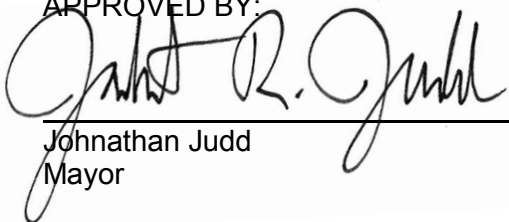
20. Executive Session (If needed)

21. New Business

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

Motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas

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*