



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2019 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 October 28, 2019, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Sara Watson Curry	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Shelly Carlson	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present
Mayor:	Johnathan Judd	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Absent

City Council Meeting

1. [Call to Order and Roll Call](#)
2. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)
3. [Agenda Amendments](#)
4. [Consent Agenda](#)

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in accordance with the "Council Rules of Procedure". In such event, the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Motion to Approve made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Shelly Carlson

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Motion Passed

For: 5 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Recused: 0 - (None)

5. Recognitions - Presentations
 - A. [Presentation of Police Officers Who Have Successfully Completed the City of Moorhead Police Department Field Training Program.](#)

Minutes: Chief Shannon Monroe expressed his gratitude to the training staff of the Moorhead Police Department, who have been training non-stop and have turned out great officers for patrol. Chief Monroe introduced the newest officers with the city including Mac Schultz, Cuyler Johnson and Nick Bjorndahl.

6. Approve Minutes

A. [October 14, 2019 Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist
Motion to Approve October 14, 2019 Minutes

Motion Passed

For: 5 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Recused: 0 - (None)

7. [Citizens Addressing the Council \(Time Reserved: 15 Minutes\)](#)

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)

9. [Public Hearing to Consider 2019 Enterprise Zone Program](#)

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Heidi Durand
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Motion Passed

For: 5 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Recused: 0 - (None)

A. [Resolution to Approve 2019 Enterprise Zone Program](#)

Minutes: Chris Volkers, City Manager and acting EDA Director, provided background for the Enterprise Zone Program which is used to offset disparities making our border cities more competitive. She stated that Moorhead would begin receiving an annual appropriation from the State of Minnesota of approximately \$520,000 in 2020. In Moorhead, the Workers' Compensation Rebate Program is one program offered to local businesses from the Enterprise Zone Fund. Amy Thorpe, Economic Program Administrator, provided more detail on the Workers' Compensation Rebate Program which was created to support local businesses by reducing the expense of workers' compensation insurance. She stated that North Dakota has a state-run workers' compensation insurance program whereas in Minnesota, businesses must obtain this insurance through private insurance agencies creating a disparity in high-risk industries. She stated that she has receive over 100 applications so far and expects another influx of applications in January as businesses are preparing their tax returns. Council Member Durand inquired about other potential programs to reduce disparities such as a "tip credit" for restaurants. Chris Volkers responded that they are looking at future programs that will benefit the most businesses, which may include tip credits.

Motion to Approve made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Shelly Carlson
Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve 2019 Enterprise Zone Program

Motion Passed

For: 5 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Recused: 0 - (None)

Engineering Department

10. [Presentation on METRO GROW 2045 - Michael Maddox, FM Metro COG](#)

Minutes: Michael Maddox, FM Metro COG presented future Metro COG goals, including developing trail networks for both bikes and pedestrians, land uses, balancing livability with mobility, and integrating new technology. Paving conditions are currently meeting and exceeding state interstate and non-interstate highway systems within the state of Minnesota. Metro COG is currently working with an engineering firm and is in the middle of a corridor study on the US10/Hwy 75 intersection. With the upcoming 2020 census, the area could be moved to the next stage of population of the Transportation Management Area (TMA). Current federal definition is a population cap of 200,000. TMA has direct allocation from federal funding of CDBG funds. Council member Durand acknowledged that Moorhead only had one high crash intersection, so congratulated Metro COG their work. Council member Sara Watson Curry mentioned that the presentation is posted on Metro COG Facebook page, their website and the City of Moorhead site.

A. [Resolution to Accept Metro GROW 2045 - Fargo-Moorhead Area Long Range Transportation Plan](#)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Accept Metro GROW 2045 - Fargo-Moorhead Area Long Range Transportation Plan

Motion to Approve made by Sara Watson Curry and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist

Motion Passed

For: 5 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Recused: 0 - (None)

Police Department

11. [*Resolution Supporting the City of Moorhead Police Department's Participation in the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force Program](#)

Public Works Department

12. [*Resolution to Approve the Street Maintenance Agreement between the City of Moorhead and Moorhead Township](#)

13. [2019-2020 Snow and Ice Control Plan Presentation, Steve Moore](#)

Minutes: Steve Moore, Public Works Director, reviewed the AOR (area of responsibility) within the City of Moorhead and the preparation taking place in anticipation of the 2019-2020 winter season which includes upcoming snowplow driver training. Route

maps have been updated and are posted on the Public Works page of the city website and maps are updated and posted on the website at: <http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/departments/public-works/streets/snow-removal>. Highlights included reminding residents that it takes 13-18 vehicles to pass over sand before limiting the effectiveness of sand to low speed areas and intersections; therefore, salt is the primary and most cost effective means of ice control. Also there are approximately 240 cul-de-sacs within the city, and reminding residents of the objectives of clearing time for snow removal is important. Council member Carlson stated she had citizens inquire about the snow plow gates that lift up in front of driveways. Steve Moore informed the Council that the City of Bismarck runs snow plow gates and suggested not doing it due to cost/resources/operation timing. The City of Fargo is currently doing a study on the snow plow gates and will share that information when completed. Council member White suggested she work with different programs within the community to coordinate volunteers for people with mobility issues/health concerns to help alleviate some of the snow clearing efforts. Council member Durand inquired whether Public Works has real-time camera feeds for status of plows clearing the city during a storm. The city currently do not but will look into the cost of having real-time feeds.

Administration

14. [*Resolution to authorize a contract for EAPC to conduct the Maple Court Housing Capital Needs Assessment](#)

Other

15. [Mayor and Council Reports](#)

Minutes: Council Member White thanked Mayor Judd for the opportunity to read the Proclamation celebrating Florence Klingensmith Day and reminded everyone to stop by and see the newest mural on ACE Hardware honoring and recognizing the former resident.

Mayor Judd recently traveled with Bob Zimmerman, Curtis Shuck (Great Northern Corridor Coalition), and Tom Lundberg (MnDOT) to Washington DC to lobby for the Federal Build Grant Application for the 11th St. Underpass. The grant would be extremely beneficial and would help in reducing the MN Bond request amounts for the underpass project. Flood Diversion lobbying efforts in DC were discussed and Mayor Judd expressed his gratitude from our ND and MN supporters for the Diversion Project. Mayor Judd also reported he traveled to Washington DC on another trip for diversion.

Coffee with the Mayor and Ward 2 Council Members will be November 4, 2019 at Moorhead Senior High School from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

16. [City Manager Reports - Updates](#)

Minutes: City Manager Chris Volkens reminded residents that the "All Aboard Minnesota" meeting will take place at the Hjemkomst Center on October 30, 2019 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

New council members elected November 5th will be sworn in November 12, 2019 at 4:30pm with a reception to follow. Please join us in welcoming the newest Council members.

A. [2019 Special Election Update](#)

Minutes: The upcoming Special Election has given the County, City, and School District the ability to work in collaboration as we head into the November 5, 2019 Special Election. All three entities have sent out flyers and/or mailers to residents in order to eliminate any confusion with polling locations. Election judges have been trained, and there is a public accuracy testing scheduled for October 29, 2019 at 4:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall. The City Clerk expressed her gratitude to the many citizens who are volunteering their time as election judges.

17. [Executive Session \(If needed\)](#)

Motion to Approve made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Sara Watson Curry
Motion to Approve Executive Session (If needed)

Motion Passed

For: 5 - Shelly Dahlquist, Sara Watson Curry, Shelly Carlson, Heidi Durand, Deb White

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Chuck Hendrickson

Recused: 0 - (None)

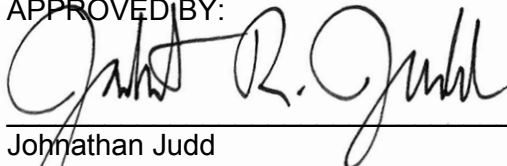
A. Executive Closed Session pursuant to MN Stat 13D.05, subd.3b(3), for the purpose of discussing the sale of real property described as Clay County Parcel Number 58.417.0290 and 58.417.0300 owned by the City of Moorhead

B. Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subdivision B, for the purposes of receiving an update from external litigation counsel regarding the civil case # 14-CV-19-3419.

18. [New Business](#)

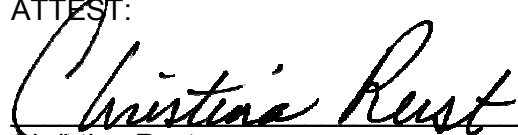
19. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

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