



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2021 at 5:30 PM
Hjemkomst Center**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Hjemkomst Center on August 23, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Matthew Gilbertson	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heather Nesemeier	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Laura Caroon	Present
Mayor:	Shelly Carlson	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevoid	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Lindaas	Present

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Amendments

Minutes: Item #14 removed from Agenda

4. Recognitions – Presentations

A. Presentation: Coalition of Greater MN Cities Excellence in Service Award -- Andy Bradshaw, City of Moorhead Wastewater Operations Manager

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli presented the Excellence in Service Award from the Coalition of Greater MN Cities to Andy Bradshaw, City of Moorhead Wastewater Operations Manager.

B. Presentation: Red River Regional Dispatch Center

Minutes: Rich Duysen, Public Safety Planner, and Rob Wilson, Cass County Administrator, shared information on the Red River Regional Dispatch Center (RRRDC). Clay County, West Fargo, Fargo, Cass County and Moorhead have worked on the process to select an architectural design firm for the new RRRDC. The five member entities have operated jointly across state lines for many years and the regional dispatch center is a model partnership.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 8

6. Approve Minutes

A. August 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve August 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Larry Seljevoid

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 to Consider a Franchise Ordinance and Agreement with Bird Scooters

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Laura Christianson, Moorhead Resident, commented that electric scooters in her hometown of Austin, TX have ended up as an eyesore.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Shelly Dahlquist and seconded by Matthew Gilbertson

Motion Passed

For: 8

A. Consider First Reading of Ordinance 2021-10: An Ordinance to Create and Enact Chapter 15 of Title 1 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to the Bird Rides, Inc. Scooter Franchise

Minutes: Assistant City Planner Forrest Steinhoff shared information regarding Bird Rides Inc. to operate electric scooters within the City of Moorhead. The proposed agreement is for 25 years to include use on public right of ways on river fronts, parks, downtown areas, campus neighborhoods, and north to the Clay County Courthouse. Mr. Steinhoff addressed concerns that were brought to the City Council.

Motion to Approve Consider First Reading of Ordinance 2021-10: An Ordinance to Create and Enact Chapter 15 of Title 1 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to the Bird Rides, Inc. Scooter Franchise made by Deb White and seconded by Larry Seljevoid

Motion Failed

For: 5 - Caroon, Nesemeier, White, Seljevoid, Lindaas

Against: 3 - Dahlquist, Gilbertson, Hendrickson

B. Consider First Reading of Ordinance 2021-11: Fee Schedule Amendment

Economic Development

10. *Resolution to Approve First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement with Downtown Moorhead Inc.

Engineering Department

11. *Various Actions for Village Green 7th Addition (Eng. No. 21-A6-04)
 - A. *Resolution to Receive Petitions and Order the Preparation of the Preliminary Engineering Report
 - B. *Resolution to Receive Report and Order Plans & Specifications
 - C. *Resolution to Approve Plans and Authorize Ad for Bids

Fire Department

12. *Resolution to Approve Cass County as Fiscal Agent for the Red River Regional Dispatch Center (RRRDC) Project and Approve Joint Selection Committee's Approval for Architectural Services

Parks and Recreation Department

13. *Resolution to Accept Grant from the City Arts Partnership for RiverArts Music Festival

Community Development Department

14. ~~Consider Actions Relating to Declaration of a Hazardous Building - 1314 11th St S Parcel No. 58.737.0110~~
 - A. ~~Resolution Declaring a Hazardous Building and Approving an Order to Raze a Hazardous Building at 1314 11th St S~~
 - B. ~~Resolution Authorizing Agreement(s) for Razing of the Dangerous Building at 1314 11th St S~~
15. *Resolution to Approve Grant Agreement - ARPA Grant Funding for Moorhead Municipal Airport
16. *Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision - Parcel 58.207.0020
17. *Resolution to Approve Title and Summary for Ordinance 2021-07: An Ordinance to Rezone 1817 11th St N from RMD-1: Residential Moderate Density-1 to CC: Community Commercial
18. *Resolution to Accept Grant from Convention and Visitors Bureau for Sculptures at Davy/Memorial Park

Moorhead Public Service

19. Water Update

Minutes: Moorhead Public Service General Manager Travis Schmidt discussed mandatory water use restrictions for residents of Moorhead and Dilworth. This is in response to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Statewide Drought Plan, which puts Minnesota in the Drought Restriction Phase. Detailed information can be found on the [Moorhead Public Service](#) website.

Mr. Schmidt requested feedback from the City Council regarding the split and development of a parcel on County Rd. 11. The applicant is looking to rezone from agricultural and move to limited highway commercial with the removal of the wellhead protection overlay. There are concerns regarding the Buffalo Aquifer and the potential commercial buildings not utilizing or connecting to city water and wastewater, which does not adhere to County ordinances. Council members shared support for keeping the aquifer safe and leaving the zoning designation as it currently states.

Motion to direct the City Manager and Moorhead Public Service General Manager to draft and send a strongly worded letter to be signed by members of the Moorhead City Council and Moorhead Public Service Commission to keep zoning as is made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8

Administration

20. Amendments to Moorhead City Code Relating to Tobacco

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli asked for direction for staff regarding two options:

1. Compliance with T21 and restrict the sale of flavored vapor products
2. Compliance with T21 and restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco products

Motion to move forward with Amendments to Moorhead City Code Relating to Tobacco option #2 made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist

Minutes: The City Council discuss proposed amendments to the Moorhead City Code relating to tobacco. Public input was offered by Moorhead resident Kawar Farok, as well as Nyamal Dei and Jason McCoy with Clay County Public Health.

Motion to move forward with Amendments to Moorhead City Code Relating to Tobacco option #2 and community discussions with our existing entities made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist

Motion Passed

For: 6 - Dahlquist, Caroon, Nesemeier, White, Seljevold, Lindaas

Against: 2 - Gilbertson, Hendrickson

Other

21. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Hendrickson stated he spoke at Concordia College's Hands for Change event and thanked Concordia for all it does in the community.

Council member Caroon reported a great turnout and engagement of citizens at the open house for residents affected by the construction of the underpass on south Main Avenue.

Council member Gilbertson thanked residents who reach out to Council members. Mr. Gilbertson reported he has received a number of calls and emails regarding the parks having weeds during the summer drought weather. City Manager Mahli will have a report for the next City Council meeting.

Council member Lindaas reminded the public that students are back in school and to be use caution on roads.

Council member White invited Council members and City staff to participate in a wheelchair softball match with Hope Inc.

Council member Dahlquist thanked residents and visitors who participated in Pride in the Park.

Mayor Carlson congratulated Officer Ethan Meehan who was selected in the Salute to Law Enforcement. Officer Meehan's work with the DARE program and many other programs in the community. Mayor Carlson recognized 11-year old Gunner Burke who raised \$1,500 for a program he named "Back the Blue" to purchase snacks that he calls "life-saving snacks" for when officers are going to calls and cannot fit in a full meal. The Mayor shared her thanks for speaking opportunities at the FM Area Foundation, hosting the U.S. Corp of Engineers, and the ND Building Trades Union. She also thanked DS beverage, specifically Doug Restemayer, for putting together the Salute to the Blue event held for local law enforcement. Mayor Carlson also added the next Cash Mob Moorhead is scheduled at Rustica Tuesday, August 24. She encouraged everyone to stop-in or order out.

22. City Manager Report

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli shared an update on the Covid-19 protocols. As of today, Clay County is in the substantially high category. Since the early days of the pandemic, the City of Moorhead has followed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Minnesota Department of Health, and Clay County Public Health. Beginning August 24th staff and citizens will be asked to wear masks in city owned public buildings. Mr. Mahli gave an update on 2020 census numbers that show Moorhead has a 16.9% increase in population since 2010 and a total population of 44,505. Mr. Mahli also recognized the Complete Count Committee and residents of Moorhead for achieving a 76.3% self-response rate.

23. Executive Session (If needed)

24. New Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

APPROVED BY:


Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Rust
City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.