

**City of Moorhead
Adjourned Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 07, 2010 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Adjourned Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on September 07, 2010, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Luther Stueland	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Diane Wray Williams	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Dan Hunt	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Greg Lemke	Present
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present

Adjourned City Council Meeting

1. [Resolution to Authorize Woodlawn Park Improvements & Relocation of Log Cabin to Memorial Park](#)

Minutes: Brian Neugebauer, City Attorney, explained that the "Motion to Reconsider" made by Council Member Hintermeyer at the August 23, 2010 City Council Meeting was not conducted properly. Neugebauer stated that the Resolution to Authorize Woodlawn Park Improvements & Relocation of Log Cabin to Memorial Park may only be considered if one of the three Council Members on the prevailing party, who voted against the relocation of the log cabin at the August 23, 2010 City Council Meeting, makes a "Motion to Reconsider."

Motion to Reconsider made by Diane Wray Williams and seconded by Nancy Otto
Reconsider Resolution to Authorize Woodlawn Park Improvements & Relocation of Log Cabin to Memorial Park
Motion Passed by unanimous vote

Minutes: Michael Redlinger, City Manager, stated that at the recommendation of Steve Gehrtz, Gehrtz Construction Services, representatives of Heyer Engineering, Inc. and Northern Technologies, Inc. conducted additional analysis of the Log Cabin to provide their opinion as to the current condition of the foundation and viability of the stabilization methods currently being considered. Based upon their findings, Mr. Gehrtz no longer believes that stabilization of the structure is a viable option and the cost for needed repairs to the foundation would be approximately \$142,000.

Redlinger stated that City staff met with members of the Woodlawn Park Neighborhood Association to share this new information the week prior and received their feedback.

City staff and representatives of Gehrtz Construction Services, Heyer Engineering, and Northern Technologies Inc. clarified the following in response to Mayor and Council questions:

- The soil along the bank of the Red River is eroding. The Log Cabin is built into the “scarp” of the river bank and is situated in a high risk location to lose further stability.
- It is anticipated that the Log Cabin could withstand a move to Memorial Park.
- Utilizing a tie-back system to stabilize the Log Cabin walls could be more expensive and complicated due to its close proximity to the street.
- New construction at the current site may be affected by further regulation due to placement in the Floodway.
- The Log Cabin did not have a basement in its original construction.
- The basement of the structure has been flooded at least five separate times at its current location.
- If the Log Cabin is moved, the remaining area would be preserved as green space.
- In order to remove and reconstruct the east basement wall the entire cabin will need to be lifted and moved out of the way for construction.
- Funding for the relocation of the Log Cabin is being provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Flood Damage Reduction Grant program to remove the structure from future flood risk. New construction at the current site would be at the expense of the City.

The following individuals addressed the Mayor and Council regarding their opposition to the relocation of the Log Cabin:

- Kailyn Allen, Moorhead resident
- Scot Onstine, representing the Bowman Family
- Michael Carbone, representing Woodlawn Park Neighborhood Association

Mike Hokanson, Moorhead Resident stated that there are hazardous conditions at Woodlawn Park. Larry Anderson, Parks Manager, stated that improvements to these conditions will be underway as of this week.

The Mayor and Council Members noted the following:

- Tie-back technology may be useful as long as it satisfies flood plain construction requirements.
- Further testing to the site would be costly. The current recommendation is based on the opinion of geotechnical and soil experts.
- Relocation of the Log Cabin has been a priority of the Park Advisory Board for some time. A new location will allow access to bathrooms

and water.

- Woodlawn Park Neighborhood involvement and input has been valuable.
- A decentralized approach to City parks is preferred with more neighborhood participation and investment.
- The projected cost of Log Cabin stabilization is significant.
- The history of the Log Cabin will be preserved in its new location.

A. [Resolution to Relocate Log Cabin to Memorial Park](#)

Motion to Table made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Brenda Elmer
Table Resolutions to Authorize Woodlawn Park Improvements & Relocate Log Cabin to Memorial Park
Motion Failed

For: 2 - Mark Altenburg; Brenda Elmer; Against: 6 - Luther Stueland, Nancy Otto, Diane Wray Williams, Dan Hunt, Mark Hintermeyer, Greg Lemke

Motion and Second to Approve were previously made at the 8/23/2010 meeting, but action was tabled for reconsideration

Approve Resolution to Relocate Log Cabin to Memorial Park

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2010-0907-1**

For: 6 - Nancy Otto, Diane Wray Williams, Dan Hunt, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer, Greg Lemke ; Against: 2 - Luther Stueland, Mark Altenburg

B. [Resolution to Construct Various Woodlawn Park Improvements](#)

Minutes: It was noted that Moorhead residents have requested that the Frisbee Golf Course be redesigned. It was suggested that this request be remanded to the Park Advisory Board to be included as part of the overall Woodlawn Park Improvements.

Motion to Amend resolution made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Diane Wray Williams

Amend paragraph three of the current resolution to state, "WHEREAS, \$72,000 of reallocated Capital Improvement funds will be utilize to finance park amenities within Woodlawn Park as determined by the Park Advisory Board."

Motion Passed by unanimous vote

Motion to Approve made by Nancy Otto and seconded by Diane Wray Williams as amended

Resolution to Construct Various Woodlawn Park Improvements

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2010-0907-2**

For: 7; Against: 1 - Luther Stueland

C. **Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment to Reallocate 2009 and 2010 Capital Improvement Funds**

Motion to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Diane Wray Williams
Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment to Reallocate 2009 and 2010 Capital Improvement Funds

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2010-0907-3**

For: 7; Against: 1 - Luther Stueland

2. [Resolution Accepting Bid on Sale of \\$2,080,000 General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2010D](#)

Motion to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Luther Stueland
Resolution Accepting Bid on Sale of \$2,080,000 General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2010D


Motion Passed by unanimous vote: **Resolution 2010-0907-4**

Citizens Addressing the Council


Minutes: Craig Sheets, California resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding various concerns.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Mark Voxland, Mayor



Jill Wenger, City Clerk

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Jill Wenger, City Clerk