



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 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 9, 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	Absent
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 Seljevold	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Lindaas	Absent

City Council Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)
5. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed
For: 6

6. Approve Minutes

A. July 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve July 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Larry Seljevold and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed
For: 6

7. *Mayor and Council Appointments

Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)

8. Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Thad Thorsness on behalf of Thor Investments LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 679-681 Appletree Lane

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 6

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, President/CEO Downtown Moorhead Inc., presented the request for a property tax exemption for two 5-unit multi-tenant buildings located at 679-681 Appletree Lane with a \$1.3 million new taxable building value.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 6

- A. Resolution to Approve Property Tax Exemption for Thor Investments LLC for a Commercial Project located at 679-681 Appletree Lane

Motion to Approve Property Tax Exemption for Thor Investments LLC for a Commercial Project located at 679-681 Appletree Lane made by Deb White and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Motion Passed

For: 6

Economic Development

9. Economic Development Report

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, President/CEO Downtown Moorhead Inc., presented an economic development report. Mr. LaPoint shared that there are funding opportunities coming from MN Deed, including \$275 million in grants and assistance programs, targeted at different industries, with more information coming for who would qualify. The City is also looking into federal grant funding through the Federal Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. There is currently a Request for Proposal due August 19 for submission to Roers Development regarding the Center Mall area.

Engineering Department

10. *Various Actions for Prairie Meadows 7th Addition (Eng. No. 21-A6-03)

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

Community Development Department

11. Resolution to Approve a Conditional Use Permit at 812 63rd Ave N to Exceed the Square Footage Limit for Accessory Structures in RLD-0a: Residential Low Density - 0a

Minutes: Robin Huston, City Planner, presented the conditional use permit for 812 63rd Avenue that was tabled at the July 12 City Council meeting to discuss further with the applicant and neighbors.

Applicants Peter & Laura Woyen were present at the meeting to answer any questions. Carol Kilsdonk, Moorhead resident on the property west of the proposed area, raised concerns regarding the project.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve a Conditional Use Permit at 812 63rd Ave N to Exceed the Square Footage Limit for Accessory Structures in RLD-0a: Residential Low Density - 0a made by Deb White and seconded by Larry Seljevold

Motion Passed

For: 6

12. Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2021-07: An Ordinance to Rezone 1817 11th Street N from RMD-1: Residential Moderate Density 1 to CC: Community Commercial

A. Second Reading

B. Title and Summary – to be placed on the August 23rd Council meeting due to the lack of 7 votes.

Motion to Approve Second Reading relating to Ordinance 2021-07: An Ordinance to Rezone 1817 11th Street N from RMD-1: Residential Moderate Density 1 to CC: Community Commercial made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 6

13. Resolution to Approve a Conditional Use Permit at 1015 30th Ave S for a Housing Shelter in CC: Community Commercial

Minutes: Robin Huston, City Planner, presented a conditional use permit at 1015 30th Avenue S for a women's housing shelter. A business in the area commented that it has seen an uptick in issues around the Casey's General Store including loitering, alleged drug use and people sleeping.

Motion to Approve a Conditional Use Permit at 1015 30th Ave S for a Housing Shelter in CC: Community Commercial made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 6

Administration

14. Resolution to Approve Financing for Acquisition of Maple Court Townhomes

Minutes: City Manager Dan Mahli thanked the visionaries 18 years ago, city staff, and the Moorhead Public Housing agency for its work on this innovative Maple Court housing development to assist tenants in need of affordable rental housing become owners of their townhomes today and into the future.

Joshua Huffman, Community Development Coordinator, presented the financing package for the acquisition of the 17 units to be converted from rental units to affordable homes that people and families will own.

Motion to Approve Financing for Acquisition of Maple Court Townhomes made by Deb White and seconded by Larry Seljevold

Motion Passed

For: 6

15. *Resolution to Approve Contracts with Moorhead Higher Education Institutions for 2021-22 U-Pass Unlimited Ride Program on MATBUS

Other

16. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member White reminded the residents that FM Pride Week is August 12-15. The Moorhead Human Rights Commission will be at Pride in the Park on August 14. Please contact Joshua Huffman at 218-299-5375 to participate with the Human Rights Commission in the Pride Parade.

Council member Caroon thanked residents that are following water restrictions. Ms. Caroon shared that there will be an open house regarding the 20/21 Street Underpass on Aug. 12 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Cullen Hockey Center.

Mayor Carlson Congratulated Clay County and City for the groundbreaking of the Clay County Solid Waste Resource Facility. She added Night to Unite was a huge success and gave special thanks to Moorhead Police Department and Fire Department for their involvement. Mayor Carlson mentioned the FM Diversion Authority authorized a resolution to sign the \$1.3 billion loan earlier in the day, which is a significant step in the Diversion project. She added the next Cash Mob Moorhead will be at Boulder Tap House on Tuesday, August 10 and encouraged the public to stop-in or order out for lunch or dinner.

Discussion took place among the City Council regarding proposed changes to the City's tobacco ordinance. The City Council asked that the item be added to the August 23 meeting agenda. .

17. City Manager Report

Minutes: City Manager Mahli notified the City Council that a public hearing related to the draft ordinance to allow electric scooters in Moorhead is coming to the City Council at its next meeting. Mr. Mahli shared that given construction is started on the new high school, Moorhead's Parks & Recreation is moving from the Moorhead Sports Center to 1300 15th Ave N (previously the Clay County Department of Motor Vehicle). Although the physical address for the Parks office is changing and a communication effort is forthcoming, all other contact information remains the same including email addresses, websites, phone numbers, and other park facilities. City Manager Mahli also invited the public to look at Moorhead Parks' Fall/Winter program which is available on-line at cityofmoorehad.com.

18. Executive Session (If needed)

19. New Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm

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.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christina Rust, City Clerk