

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA
June 15, 2009**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota, was duly held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, June 15, 2009, at 5:30 PM.

The following were present for roll call:

Adjourned Meeting

1. [*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the Reconstruction of 20th St from 12th to 24th Ave S. Eng. No. 09-A2-3](#)

Motion made to Approve made by Dan Hunt and seconded by Mark Hintermeyer 5:31 PM

Motion to Approve the consent agenda items (#4 and 5)

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Minutes: City Manager Redlinger announced items #1 and #2 need to be removed from the agenda, as such requires Minnesota Department of Transportation concurrence. These items will be added to the June 22nd agenda. He also referenced a revised item #5-B, which document was distributed for consideration. 5:30 PM

Council Member Rowell requested item #3 be removed from the consent agenda.

2. [*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the TH 75 \(8th St\)/40th Ave S Pedestrian Underpass Project. Eng. No. 09-2-1](#)

Minutes: This item was removed and will be added to the June 22, 2009 Council meeting. 5:30 PM

3. [*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the Center Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Eng. No. 09-13-3](#)

Motion made to Approve made by John Rowell and seconded by Diane Wray Williams 5:30 PM

Resolution to approve plans and specs and authorize advertisement for Eng. No. 09-13-3

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Minutes: Resolution #2009-626. 5:30 PM

Discussion centered on the concept that any federal stimulus dollars should be spread over various projects as discussed by the Council previously, completing the projects in an orderly fashion, rather than selecting one project to

receive all the money. Council members felt a priority list of needed projects should be established and then determine how to pay for such, including utilization of federal money along with General Obligation bonds.

Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer, explained that the question before the Council is whether to accept the ARRA funds and do the projects the State has identified to fund, or give the money back. Before, when the City received state or federal funds, it could be spread over several projects. However, this time, Mn/DOT decided which projects, approved by the Council, would receive the ARRA funds. This project is just to go out for bids on the Center Avenue Bridge and the decision needs to be made now to get it into the construction timelines. If the Council doesn't approve this use of the stimulus funds, they will be returned to the State to use for other Minnesota projects.

4. [*Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment and Engineering Services Agreement with Houston Engineering Inc. for Flood Modeling for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Feasibility Study](#)

Minutes: Resolution #2009-625-A. 5:30 PM

5. [*Resolutions to Prepare and Submit Application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 \(ARRA\) Funds to the Department of Energy](#)

Minutes: Resolutions #2009-625-B and #2009-625-C. 5:30 PM

Minutes: The adjourned meeting concluded at 6:10 p.m. 5:30 PM

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6. [Chuck Fritz, International Water Institute Presentation](#)

Minutes: Chuck Fritz of the International Water Institute gave a PowerPoint presentation on some of the challenges in predicting floods and protecting people from floods in the flat Red River Valley. He stated the question was not if the Valley would see catastrophic flooding again, but when. 5:30 PM

7. [Budget Discussion](#)

Minutes: City Manager Redlinger introduced Finance Director Harlyn Ault and Assistant Finance Director Wanda Wagner who will be available to answer any questions the Council has regarding the 2010 budget. 5:30 PM

The Governor's unallotment process will affect what the City can accomplish this year. Council needs to establish a comprehensive solution for dealing with expected budget shortfalls for the next few years, including possible staff reductions, levy increases, using reserves, fee increases, and/or cutting services.

Mayor Voxland suggested meeting on the last Monday of June to discuss the budget and LGA unallotment.

8. [City Manager Reports](#)

Minutes: City Manager Redlinger discussed several items: **7:14 PM**

1. The Economic Development Authority will be bringing an item to the Council Monday, June 22nd, regarding an incentive rate for Moorhead Public Service.
2. The City Manager will take part in discussions regarding the AFSCME unit determination hearings, but will be checking email and voicemail.
3. Negotiations are ongoing with AFSCME and the Fire Fighters bargaining units.
4. There are two studies - the ICMA Fire Services study and the Transfer study that are now in draft form and will be presented to the City Council soon.
5. The Oakport Services study regarding early annexation and services to Oakport will begin later following flood recovery in Oakport Township.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and said electronic file is available for public review.

APPROVED:

MARK VOXLAND, Mayor

ATTEST:

KAYE BUCHHOLZ, City Clerk