



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on June 22, 2020, at 5:30 PM.

**Roll call of the members was made as follows:**

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| 1st Ward Council Member: | Shelly Dahlquist  | Present - video       |
| 1st Ward Council Member: | Sara Watson Curry | Present - video       |
| 2nd Ward Council Member: | Shelly Carlson    | Present - video       |
| 2nd Ward Council Member: | Heidi Durand      | Present - video       |
| Mayor:                   | Johnathan Judd    | Present – in chambers |
| 3rd Ward Council Member: | Deb White         | Present - video       |
| 3rd Ward Council Member: | Larry Seljevold   | Present - video       |
| 4th Ward Council Member: | Chuck Hendrickson | Present - video       |
| 4th Ward Council Member: | Steve Lindaas     | Present - video       |

**Also in Attendance:**

|                              |                |                                |
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| City Manager                 | Chris Volkers  | Present – in chambers          |
| City Attorney Representative | Kat DeZeppo    | Present – video until 6:10pm   |
| City Attorney                | John Shockley  | Present – in chambers @ 6:10pm |
| City Clerk                   | Christina Rust | Present – in chambers          |

**City Council Meeting**

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

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Shelly Carlson**

Motion Passed  
For: 8

5. Approve Minutes

A. [June 8, 2020 - Meeting Minutes](#)

**Motion to Approve June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson**

Motion Passed  
For: 8

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

Minutes: City Manager Chris Volkers stated a number of communications have been submitted regarding Woodlawn Pointe. Moorhead Resident Noelle Harden spoke to the matter by phone. Three Moorhead residents wrote and the correspondence is added to the meeting record. Former Mayor Del Rae Williams mentioned a citizen taskforce that was created years ago regarding Woodlawn Pointe. In addition, Ms. Williams spoke to the City Manager's departure and plans for the interim.

7. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

## Engineering Department

8. [\\*Resolution to Award Bid for Blue Goose Trail. Eng. No. 18-13-01](#)

## Administration

9. Approve Licenses - Permits
- A. [\\*Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Casa Mexico of Moorhead Inc. dba El Torero](#)
  - B. [\\*Resolution to Approve 2020-2021 Liquor License Renewals](#)
10. [Consider Actions Relating to Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-07: An Ordinance to Amend Emergency Ordinance 2020-01](#)  
Minutes: City Attorney John Shockley presented an amendment to Moorhead's Emergency Declaration ordinance allowing non-essential meetings to take place virtually and/or electronically.
- A. Adoption of Preamble, Purpose and Intent for Emergency Ordinance 2020-07
  - B. [First Reading and Enactment of Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-07](#)  
**Motion to Approve A & B - First Reading and Enactment of Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-07 made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Sara Watson Curry**  
Motion Passed  
For: 8
11. [Minnesota Legislative Session Update and Professional Services Agreement for Legislative Advocacy](#)  
Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode updated the City Council on the special Minnesota Legislative session that took place June 12-20. There is no confirmation at this time of another special session or plans to approve a bonding bill. Ms. Bode added the city would like to extend an agreement with legislative advisor Scott Hutchins.
- A. [Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreement for Legislative Advocacy](#)  
Minutes: Continuation for 18 months with Scott Hutchins discussed by the council  
**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreement for Legislative Advocacy made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Heidi Durand**  
Motion Passed  
For: 8
12. [\\*Resolution for Revised Mayor/Council Per Diem and Expense Policy](#)
13. [\\*Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local 65 Regarding Accrued On-call Time-off Utilization Extension](#)
14. [Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreement - I-94 Water Tower Artist](#)  
Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented a professional services agreement with local artists the Churchill Group for the I-94 water tower. Council members Durand, Hendrickson and Seljevold served on the committee to work on the call for artists. Twenty-two applications were submitted, six finalists were chosen. The Churchill Group was selected. Next, the process will engage community members via the web due to COVID-19.

**Motion to Approve Professional Services Agreement for the I-94 Water Tower Art made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Larry Seljevold**

Motion Passed

For: 8

15. [City Manager Recruitment - Next Steps](#)

Minutes: City Attorney John Shockley presented alternatives to hire a City Manager. The City Council discussed next steps.

**Motion to Approve Acting City Manager Dan Mahli to carry the scope and authority of City Manager made by Deb White and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Against: 2 - Shelly Carlson, Steve Lindaas

**Motion to direct Attorney Shockley to bring the City Manager job description, start the process for an internal and external search, and set a City Council work session made by Steve Lindaas and second by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

**Other**

16. [Mayor and Council Reports](#)

Minutes: Council member Carlson reported the Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) reports having a 30% increase in e-books usage. Hoopla, a digital media lending service, is being utilized and receiving positive feedback. Curbside delivery is also continuing at the library. The MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and LARL are working together to help people get back to work. In-person services at the library are planned for July 1 with computers being available by reservation. Council member Carlson thanked local library staff and LARL for providing important resources to the community.

Council member Dahlquist recognized the city's transfer station for allowing residents free household waste drop-off June 8-12.

Council member White mentioned the Moorhead Human Rights Commission is hosting virtual listening sessions Wednesday, July 1 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Judd and the City Council expressed gratitude to City Manager Chris Volkens for her service in Moorhead and wished her well.

Council member Lindaas suggested the public check the City website for information and activities. Council member Lindaas also thanked Churches United for the Homeless for an informative public meeting on the proposed Silver Linings apartments.

Mayor Judd thanked the Moorhead Business Association and Chief of Police Shannon Monroe for a meeting to discuss equity and inclusion. Mayor Judd signed proclamations recognizing Juneteenth and Homeownership Month in June.

17. [City Manager Report](#)

Minutes: In saying goodbye, City Manager Chris Volkers voiced appreciation to the Moorhead community, support of two Mayors, City Council members, Executive Leadership Team, and City employees over the years.

18. [Executive Session](#)

**Motion to Enter Closed Session** made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Shelly Carlson  
Motion Passed  
For: 8

- A. Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05 subd 3 (c) (3) for the purpose of developing offers or counter offers for the sale of a portion of Woodlawn Pointe - generally described as an area between the Red River and Woodland Park Drive and lying north and south of 5th Avenue South

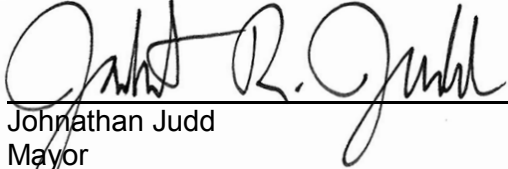
Minutes: Entered Executive Session at 7:59 p.m, exited Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

19. New Business


20. [Citizens Addressing the Council](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
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Johnathan Judd  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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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*