



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 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 July 13, 2020, at 5:30 PM.

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

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:**

Acting City Manager	Dan Mahli	Present – in chambers
City Attorney	John Shockley	Present – in chambers
City Clerk	Christina Rust	Present – in chambers

**City Council Meeting**

1. [Call to Order and Roll Call](#)
2. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)
3. [Agenda Amendments](#)  
Minutes: Council Watson Curry pulled item #15 from the consent agenda. Item #5 removed per Fire Chief Rich Duysen.
4. [Consent Agenda](#)  
**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Shelly Carlson**  
Motion Passed  
For: 8
5. Recognitions – Presentations
  - A. Swearing in Ceremony - Oath of Office for Firefighter Nate Smith – removed from agenda
  - B. [2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit Presentation](#)  
Minutes: Finance Director Karla McCall and Michelle Hoffman with Clifton Larson Allen & Associates presented the 2019 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
  - C. [Moorhead Human Rights Commission Listening Sessions](#)  
Minutes: Human Rights Commission Chair Cani Adan updated the City Council on the HRC's listening sessions on July 1. The next HRC meeting is Wed, July 15.
6. Approve Minutes
  - A. [June 22, 2020 – Meeting Minutes](#)

Minutes: The spelling of Noelle Harden is corrected.

**Motion to Approve June 22, 2020 meeting minutes with edit made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Larry Seljevoid**

Motion Passed:

For: 8

7. [Citizens Addressing the Council \(Time Reserved: 15 Minutes\)](#)
8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

### Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)

9. [Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Kevin Bartram on behalf of 9Thirteen LLC for a Renaissance Zone Property Tax Exemption for a Project Located at 113 10 St. S. \(58.575.0600\)](#)

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Steve Lindaas.**

Motion Passed:

For: 8

Minutes: Economic Development Program Administrator Amy Thorpe presented the request of Kevin Bartram on behalf of 9Thirteen LLC for a tax exemption for a multi-family redevelopment located at 10th St S Moorhead. Lot 37 Flats is a 3-story, walk up apartment with 28 residential units. The project timeline begins August 2020 with an estimated completion in June 2021.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Steve Lindaas.**

Motion Passed:

For: 8

- A. [Resolution to Approve a Renaissance Zone Property Tax Exemption for 9Thirteen LLC for a Multi-Family Redevelopment Located at 113 10 St S \(58.575.0600\)](#)

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve a Renaissance Zone Property Tax Exemption for 9Thirteen LLC for a Multi-Family Redevelopment Located at 113 10 St S (58.575.0600) made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Sara Watson Curry**

Motion Passed:

For: 8

### Economic Development

10. [Resolution to Approve Credit Level for the 2020 Border City Enterprise Zone Program](#)

Minutes: Economic Development Program Administrator Amy Thorpe presented information on the Enterprise Zone program. The City of Moorhead has received over \$17 million in allocations from the state of Minnesota since inception. At the June 29 meeting of the Moorhead Economic Development Authority, the board unanimously recommended to increase the credit level of MN workers compensation assistance from 20% to 25% with a program cap of \$30,000. This 5% increase is recommended to help offset hardship caused as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Credit Level for the 2020 Border City Enterprise Zone Program made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Heidi Durand**

Motion Passed:

For: 8

### Engineering Department

11. [\\*Resolution to Award Bid for Green Light Priority Project. Eng. No. 20-13-2](#)

### Moorhead Public Service

12. [\\*Resolution to Approve Contract with Western Area Power Administration to Contract for Administrative Services with Missouri River Energy Services and the City of Moorhead](#)

## Public Works Department

13. [\\*Resolution to Approve Custodial Services Agreement with Green View, Inc.](#)

## Administration

14. Approve Licenses - Permits

A. [\\*Resolution to Approve the Consumption of Beer on the Premises of the Moorhead Youth Hockey Arena on July 31, 2020](#)

15. [Resolution for Appointment of Election Judges for the August 11, 2020 Primary Election](#)

Minutes: Council member Watson Curry requested information on the upcoming Primary Election. City Clerk Christina Rust updated the City Council on election judges and safety for the primary and general elections in August and November, respectfully. Ms. Rust asked people to reach out to the City Clerk's office directly at 218-299-5304 if they would like more information.

**Motion to Approve Resolution for Appointment of Election Judges for the August 11, 2020 Primary Election made by Sara Watson Curry and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson**

Motion Passed:

For: 8

16. [Resolution to Receive the City of Moorhead 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report \(CAFR\)](#)

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Receive the City of Moorhead 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist**

Motion Passed:

For: 8

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

Minutes: City Attorney Shockley presented three points of action:

- 1) Authorize Human Resources Director Amy Settergren to advertise the City Manager position internally and externally to include Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota League of Cities, etc
- 2) Resolution to establish a hiring committee
- 3) Increase Acting City Manager salary to reflect out-of-grade pay

**Motion to Approve all steps for City Manager Recruitment made by Shelly Carlson and seconded by Heidi Durand**

Motion Passed:

For: 7 Against: 1 - Deb White

## Other

18. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member White recognized Moorhead Police Department Sergeant Chris Martin for serving as a liaison to the Human Rights Commission. Council member White also spoke about a grant funded program to support a mental health professional in the Moorhead PD. Council member White mentioned she attended a webinar by the Government Alliance on Race & Equity with members of the Moorhead Resilience Task Force.

Council member Watson Curry stated she shared a message from Mayor Judd at the Juneteeth Celebration at Gooseberry Park on July 11. Council member Watson Curry also recognized planners of the Scott Tobolt Foundation for their efforts to ensure safe distancing and COVID-19 preparedness at a planned fundraising event at the Moorhead Hockey Arena.

Council member Lindaas thanked the Moorhead Resilience Taskforce who hired Gabrielle Lommel as the Moorhead Garden Coordinator. Ms. Lommel is also an intern with the City of Moorhead and started the Moorhead/Fargo Community Garden Network.

Mayor Judd thanked Chief Shannon Monroe and Pastor Mary Suomala Folkerds at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Moorhead for hosting a noteworthy conversation about race in the community. Mayor Judd added he was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of Minnesota Mayors Together. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Moorhead Business Association, city staff, residents of the Horizon Shores neighborhood, and community members for a successful and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Moorhead. Mayor Judd thanked Roger Erickson, President and Owner of Farmstead Living, for a generous donation to pay for a Moorhead Police Department K-9. The Mayor also announced the following positions openings in Moorhead to address race and equality.

- MSTATE – Assistant Director of Equity and Inclusion
- Moorhead Public Schools – Director of Equity and Inclusion
- West Juvenile Detention Center – Director of Equity and Inclusion
- Human Rights Commission – Ward 4 seat is open

19. [City Manager Report](#)

Minutes: Dan Mahli expressed gratitude and humility on being named Acting City Manager. Mr. Mahli stated the plan for the next three months is to focus on COVID-19 preparedness and response, the 2021 budget, labor negotiations, and assurance of accurate, safe, and accessible (primary and general) elections in 2020.

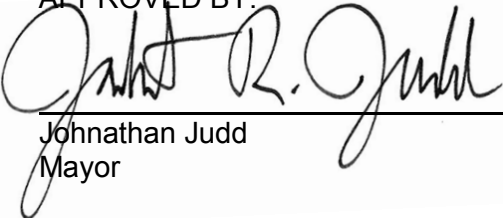
20. Executive Session

21. [New Business](#)

22. [Citizens Addressing the Council \(continued, if necessary\)](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15p.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*