

**City of Moorhead  
Adjourned Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
December 06, 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 December 06, 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**

Minutes: Mayor Voxland called the meeting to order.

1. [Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Building Demolitions & Site Preparation for the SE Main Ave/20th St/21st St Railroad Grade Separation Project, Phase 1. Eng. No. 02-2-2D](#)

Motion to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Diane Wray Williams

**Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Building Demolitions & Site Preparation for the SE Main Ave/20th St/21st St Railroad Grade Separation Project, Phase 1. Eng. No. 02-2-2D**

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2010-1206-1**

For: 8

2. Resolution to Approve Five-Year Extension to Bridge Company Operating Agreement (15th Ave. N. Toll Bridge)

Minutes: City staff clarified the following in response to Mayor and Council questions:

- The Bridge Company (Company) has provided the City will all relevant financial information. Any additional disclosures beyond those called for in the agreement would be at the discretion of the Company.
- The financial institution handling the Company's loan has indicated that the account is current and there have been no delinquent payments.
- Some recommended bridge repairs identified by the Engineering Department have not been completed by The Bridge Company. These repairs do not pose life safety issues, therefore the bridge remains operational.
- If the City takes ownership of the bridge in 2013, it will also incur all outstanding authorized debt.

- In 2018 the City would be granted ownership of the bridge without acquiring any outstanding debt.
- A private lien between the bank and Company cannot be enforced on the cities once ownership is assumed by the public in the future.
- A maintenance and operation agreement between Moorhead and Fargo will be needed when the bridge becomes publicly owned.
- It is apparent that the City of Fargo is not interested in the bridge becoming public property in 2013.

Kip Moore, The Bridge Company, stated the following:

- The toll bridge has flooded six out of the last ten years.
- The Company will submit additional financial information upon request to the Mayor and Council.
- There is concern that The Bridge Company will be unable to finance taxes or complete bridge repairs if an agreement extension is not granted.

The Mayor and Council Members stated the following:

- Additional financial information is desired prior to consideration of an agreement extension and some assurance from the bank that the City would not incur The Bridge Company's debt beyond 2018.
- It may be beneficial to consider buying the bridge prior to 2018.
- It will be important to learn if there are any plans for the toll bridge in long-range plans of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG).

Motion to Table made by Nancy Otto and seconded by Brenda Elmer

**Table Resolution to Approve Five-Year Extension to Bridge Company Operating Agreement (15th Ave. N. Toll Bridge)**

**Motion Passed**

For: 5 - Luther Stueland, Nancy Otto, Mark Altenburg, Brenda Elmer, Mark Hintermeyer; Against: 3 - Diane Wray Williams, Dan Hunt, Greg Lemke

3. [Resolution to Authorize Moorhead Youth Scholarship - Funding and Procedures](#)

Motion to Approve made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Nancy Otto

**Resolution to Authorize Moorhead Youth Scholarship - Funding and Procedures**

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2010-1206-2**

For: 7; Against: 1 - Luther Stueland

Minutes: City staff clarified the following in response to Mayor and Council questions:

- City staff recommends a contribution of \$15,000 to RSVP Metro Youth Partnership.
- Moorhead Area Public Schools staff also plans to recommend an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 to the Moorhead School Board.
- Scholarship funding will directly support youth in Moorhead.

The Mayor and Council Members stated the following:

- The reduced allocation amount and City/School joint funding proposal is preferred.
- Concern was noted that there may be unintended consequences to taxpayers paying for this allocation.
- Programs such as this assist in youth crime prevention and increased asset building.
- RSVP Metro Youth Partnership is a good example of a private/public endeavor.

4. [Budget Adjustment - Legal Expenses Related to American Crystal Sugar \(ACS\) Tax Court Cases](#)

**Motion made to Approve made by Dan Hunt and seconded by Diane Wray Williams**

Budget Adjustment - Legal Expenses Related to American Crystal Sugar (ACS) Tax Court Cases

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2010-1206-3**

For: 8

5. [City Manager Reports](#)

Minutes: Michael Redlinger, City Manager, stated the following:

- A meeting of the Metro Flood Study Work Group will discuss upstream impacts with neighboring communities.
- Labor negotiations are scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

Council Member Hintermeyer provided a brief report on the recent Economic Development Authority (EDA) meeting.

Concern was noted regarding the closure of the SE Main Ave/I-94 Interchange Ramps. City staff has provided a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council outlining the Federal Highway Administration's authority to close the ramps.

A. Discuss 2011 Committee Appointments

Minutes: Jill Wenger, City Clerk, stated that there are currently 35 new or renewing position openings for City of Moorhead committees/boards/commissions. An online application form will be made available on the City's website and City staff will be publicizing and encouraging citizens to apply for appointment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

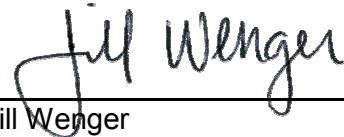
APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



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Mark Voxland  
Mayor



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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*