

**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 08, 2010 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on March 08, 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

City Council Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. [Recognitions - Presentations](#)

Minutes: The Mayor presented the Camp Fire Northern Star Council with a proclamation recognizing Camp Fire Birthday Week and Absolutely Incredible Kids Day.

A. [Women in Construction Week](#)

Minutes: The Mayor presented the Fargo Moorhead Chapter 246 with a proclamation recognizing Women in Construction Week.

B. [National Athletic Training Month](#)

Minutes: The Mayor presented the Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) Athletic Training Department with a proclamation recognizing National Athletic Training Month.

3. [Approve Minutes](#)

A. [February 16, 2010](#)

Motion by Stueland, seconded by Otto to **Approve the Minutes of February 16, 2010**
Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0350
For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

4. [Citizens Addressing the Council](#)

Minutes: Barbara Sipson, 2503 Rivershore Drive, Moorhead, stated the following regarding the City's flood preparation efforts:

- Commended City staff and elected officials on planning.
- Thanked local citizens for their sandbagging efforts.

- Stated her concern regarding the coordination of volunteers last year and hoped it would be addressed in this year's planning.
- Applauded the City's new Zone Team concept and encouraged direct coordination between zone leaders and residents.
- Asked whether sandbags could be provided in advance.

Michael Redlinger, City Manager, stated that the City's Call Center will accurately dispatch volunteers in a more organized fashion this year. He added that a sandbag production and delivery update will be handled under agenda item #9A, "Resolution to Provide Temporary Protective Measures to Properties Directly at Risk of Flooding".

5. [Agenda Amendments](#)

Minutes: Redlinger asked the Council to consider the addition of Item #9B, "Resolution to Approve State of Emergency Declaration".

Motion by Otto, seconded by Hunt to **Approve Agenda as amended**
Motion Passed by unanimous vote

6. Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are enacted by one motion.

Minutes: Council Member Elmer asked that item #13 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Altenburg asked that item #16 be removed.

Motion by Otto, seconded by Wray Williams to **Approve Consent Agenda as amended**
Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0351 (A-K)
For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

7. [*Approve Licenses - Permits](#)

A. [*Permits](#)
Resolution #2010-0351-A

B. [*License Renewals](#)
Resolution #2010-0351-B

8. [Mayor and Council Appointments](#)

A. [Reappointment to the Airport Committee](#)

Motion by Wray Williams, seconded by Elmer to **Approve Reappointment to the Airport Committee**
Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0352-1
For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

B. [Reappointments to the Economic Development Authority](#)

Motion by Wray Williams, seconded by Elmer to **Approve Reappointments to the Economic Development Authority**
Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0352-2
For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

9. [Permanent Flood Protection Discussion/Update](#)

- Minutes: Redlinger provided the following update:
- As of March 8 at 5:30 PM, 97,000 sandbags have been filled. The City's goal is to fill 300,000 sandbags.
 - The relocation of flood buyout homes is currently on hold due to melting temperatures and thawing ground conditions.
 - Members of the media have been invited to view the City's new "Press Room" on March 9th in the former GoMoorhead store.

Jill Wenger, City Clerk, described several organized pre-event sandbagging incentives including "Kids Night Out," "Bags for Books," and "College Night."

Redlinger, in conjunction with City Engineer Bob Zimmerman, clarified the following information for Council:

- Policy of choice will be to deliver pre-filled sandbags.
- In addition to pre-filled sandbags, sand and empty bags can be delivered to neighborhood zone leaders in the event of a flood.
- Pre-delivery of sandbags prior to a flood event is complicated. Concerns include proper warm storage and space issues.
- Members of the public are encouraged to assist with pre-event sandbagging efforts at the City's Public Works Facility.
- Current sandbagging hours will be adjusted, if necessary.
- Zone meetings will begin the evening of March 9th. All properties directly affected by potential flooding received information regarding their scheduled zone meeting.
- Spider automated sandbagging equipment will arrive early next week. Ideally, the City would like to continue to utilize an indoor space for sandbagging efforts, but preparations will continue at the outdoor space in the industrial park area in the event that it is needed.
- The City is launching a new Flood 2010 website with zone maps, contact information, and options to subscribe to Facebook, Twitter, and text message alerts.

A. Resolution to Provide Temporary Protective Measures to Properties Directly at Risk of Flooding

Motion by Elmer, seconded by Otto to Approve Resolution to Provide Temporary Protective Measures to Properties Directly at Risk of Flooding

Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0353

For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

B. [Resolution to Approve State of Emergency Declaration](#)

Motion by Otto, seconded by Wray Williams to **Approve Resolution to Approve State of Emergency Declaration**

Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0354

For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

Minutes: The Mayor and Council discussed recent matters of the Metro Flood Study Work Group:

- Members continue to deliberate on a Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) for permanent flood protection.
- Presentations were provided from communities affected by the

selected plan.

- Project financing discussions continue.
- Moorhead Public Service has drafted memo stating concerns with the potential impact on the Buffalo Aquifer.
- Several issues have been raised regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' National Economic Development (NED) preferred plan.

The Mayor and Council discussed their views regarding a Locally Preferred Plan and the impact that decision will have on the project's local support, impact, risks, benefits, and future funding.

Redlinger stated that the Mayor and Council may want to consider adjourning this item until after the March 11th Metro Flood Study Work Group meeting where further updates and reports will be received.

The Mayor and Council adjourned this agenda item until Friday, March 12th at 8:00 AM in City Hall Council Chambers.

Community Services Department

10. [*Consider Actions Relative to Prairie Meadows 3rd Addition \(Unanimous Planning Commission Recommendation\)](#)
 - A. [*Ordinance No. 2010-2 - An Ordinance to Rezone Prairie Meadows Third Addition from TZ \(Transitional\) to RLD-3 \(Residential Low Density - 3\) - 2nd Consideration Resolution #2010-0351-C](#)
 - B. [*Resolution to Approve Title and Summary Resolution #2010-0351-D](#)
 - C. [*Resolution to Approve Final Plat Resolution #2010-0351-E](#)
 - D. [*Resolution to Approve Developer's Agreement Resolution #2010-0351-F](#)
11. [*Resolution to Approve Landscaping Agreement for Village Green 18th Fairway Addition Resolution #2010-0351-G](#)

Engineering - Wastewater Treatment

12. [*Resolution to Approve a Cooperative Construction Agreement with Mn/DOT for Flood Mitigation Projects within the I-94 Right-of-Way. Eng. No. 09-A5-1 H & I Resolution #2010-0351-H](#)
13. [Resolution to Authorize a Cooperative Construction Agreement with Mn/DOT for the I-94 / Rivershore Dr. Underpass Reconstruction. Eng. No. 10-A2-3B](#)

Minutes: Council Member Elmer asked for clarification regarding the underpass project. Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer stated that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has evaluated this underpass and determined that it carries a low sufficiency rating due to its vertical clearance with I-94. Rivershore Drive will be lowered by six inches. Mn/DOT will provide financial assistance for construction of the project.

Motion by Stueland, seconded by Otto to **Approve Resolution to Authorize a**

Cooperative Construction Agreement with Mn/DOT for the I-94 / Rivershore Dr. Underpass Reconstruction. Eng. No. 10-A2-3B

Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0355

For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

14. [*Resolution to Amend the Master Partnership Contract with Mn/DOT](#)
Resolution #2010-0351-I

Operations Department

15. [*Call for Public Hearing for Boulevard Trees Assessment](#)
Resolution #2010-0351-J
16. [Resolution to Accept Donation for Sandbagging Equipment](#)

Minutes: Council Member Altenburg recognized and thanked Carr's Tree Service, Inc for their donation.

Motion by Hunt, seconded by Hintermeyer to **Approve Resolution to Accept Donation for Sandbagging Equipment**

Motion Passed: Resolution #2010-0356

For: 8 - Stueland, Otto, Wray Williams, Altenburg, Hunt, Elmer, Hintermeyer, Lemke

Police Department

17. [* Resolution to Authorize Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant](#)
Resolution #2010-0351-K

City Manager Reports

18. Reports - Updates

Minutes: Redlinger stated the following:

- The Minnesota House-Senate Bonding Conference Committee continues to meet. Moorhead will receive a portion of the Department of Natural Resources' Flood Damage Reduction Grant Program funding.
- There will be a press event at 11:00 AM on March 9th to discuss the State of Emergency Declaration.

19. [Executive Session](#)

A. Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations

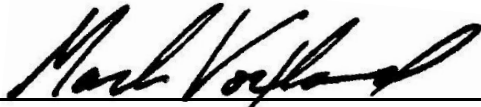
Minutes: Redlinger stated that no executive session is necessary due to a scheduling change in current contract negotiations. This item will be considered at the March 22nd Council meeting.

20. [New Business](#)

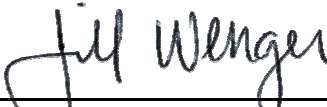
21. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Mark Voxland, Mayor



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