



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2020 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 October 12, 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	Absent
2nd Ward Council Member:	Shelly Carlson	Present - video
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Absent
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 – in chambers  
City Attorney, John Shockley – in chambers  
City Clerk, Christina Rust – in chambers

**City Council Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Consent Agenda  
Minutes: Item 15b will be postponed until the next meeting due to not having enough council members present.

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda and table 15 B to next meeting made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

5. Recognitions - Presentations
  - A. Proclamation – Indigenous Peoples Day 2020  
Minutes: Mayor Judd read a proclamation recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day 2020. The City Council discussed moving its 2021 meeting on the second Monday in October to Tuesday, October 12 so City Council members can attend evening activities on Indigenous Peoples Day. The Mayor added events are being hosted in Fargo this year, Moorhead is hosting next year. The Moorhead Human Rights Commission intends to reach out for support.

6. Approve Minutes

September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by Deb White and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

7. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

A. \*Resolution for Appointments to Boards and Committees

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

9. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption for Special Assessments for Public Improvements for Various Construction Projects

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

Minutes: Assistant City Engineer Tom Trowbridge presented proposed special assessments for various infrastructure projects which included 9 petitioned projects for new infrastructure to service new subdivisions or redevelopment, 2 petitioned projects that repaired existing sewer services or sidewalks, and 4 capital improvement projects to repair streets that were not petitioned for but came from the City's pavement management program.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Larry Seljevoid and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

A. Resolution of Adoption for Special Assessments for Public Improvements for Various Construction Projects

**Motion to Approve Resolution of Adoption for Special Assessments for Public Improvements for Various Construction Projects made by Deb White and seconded by Larry Seljevoid**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

**Economic Development**

10. \*Resolution to Approve the Contamination Cleanup Grant Application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for a Mixed Use Project Located at 1530 1 Ave N, Committing Local Match, and Authorizing Contract Signatures

11. \*Economic Development Update

## Engineering Department

12. \*Resolution to Approve Purchase Agreement for the Acquisition of Parcel No. 58.107.0470 (1117 2nd Ave N). Eng. No. 14-02-03C.

## Community Development Department

13. \*Consider Actions Relating to 2300 Highway 75 N
  - A. \*First Reading of Ordinance 2020-09: An Ordinance to Rezone from RLD-3: Residential Low Density-3 to CC: Community Commercial
  - B. \*Resolution to Approve Amendment to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Addendum Future Land Map from Low Density Residential & Community Commercial to Community Commercial

## Administration

14. \*Resolution to Approve Purchase Agreement - Parcel Number 589001758 (approximately 80 acres south of 40th Ave between 20th and 28th St S)
15. \*Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to Create and Enact Chapter 11 of Title 2 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Business and License Regulations for Short Term Consumer Lenders
  - A. \*Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-10
  - B. \*Resolution to Approve Title and Summary – tabled to October 26, 2020 Council meeting
16. Resolution Request from the Moorhead Public Housing Authority to Transfer Property to Moorhead Affordable Housing LLC

Minutes: Executive Director of the Moorhead Public Housing Authority, Dawn Bacon, described the proposal and asked for support to move 30 public housing units to Moorhead Public Housing, LLC to ensure long-term sustainability of the affordable housing assets in Moorhead.

### **Motion to Approve Resolution Request from the Moorhead Public Housing Authority to Transfer Property to Moorhead Affordable Housing LLC made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

17. Resolution to Approve Art for I-94 Water Tower

Minutes: Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode thanked City Council members, Moorhead Public Service and City staff for their involvement in the water tower art project. Ms. Bode also expressed appreciation to artist Michelle Churchill and the team from the Churchill Group. Ms. Churchill shared background on the art design and public process.

Motion to Approve

### **Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Art for I-94 Water Tower made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

18. Resolution to Create a Workgroup to Develop a Plan for City Sustainability and Resilience

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli presented a proposal to work with staff and community members to create a workgroup that will develop and promote sustainability and resilience initiatives in Moorhead.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Create a Workgroup to Develop a Plan for City Sustainability and Resilience made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Shelly Dahlquist**

Motion Passed

For: 6

Absent: 2

Other

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council member Lindaas reiterated the intent for Indigenous Peoples Day 2021 is for City Council members to attend evening events and the City Council meeting should be scheduled on Tuesday that week.

Council member White stated the Moorhead Community Resiliency Taskforce is hosting a virtual lunchtime conversation on October 13 at noon with Derrick LaPoint, CEO of Downtown Moorhead Inc. The program, titled *Creating an Inclusive and Resilient Moorhead Using Community Engagement and Collaboration to Generate Economic Development*, is open to the public. Council member White suggested visiting the Resilient Moorhead Facebook page for details.

Mayor Judd welcomed a new commander to the Mississippi Valley Division of the US Army Corp of Engineers, Diana Holland. He added he has been asked to serve on the Board of Directors for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. Mayor Judd mentioned the Minnesota Mayors Together group is meeting on October 13 to discuss rural broadband and support for indoor eating and other establishments during the winter months. Mayor Judd also congratulated Travis Schmidt for being named General Manager with Moorhead Public Service.

20. City Manager Reports - Updates

Minutes: Acting City Manager Dan Mahli stated there is positive news around growth, development, and investment in Moorhead during the difficult times of the pandemic. For example, the 500 in 5 Housing Goal (adopted in 2018), there are 254 total units in downtown constructed, under construction, or in process of attaining a permit. Ninety-three (93) of the units are new and underway in 2020. The total number of residential permits year to date is 187. This number was 190 last year at this time. This is a welcome sight considering the slow construction start in March to early summer. In addition, new commercial building value permitted in 2020 is higher than 2018 and 2019 values combined. Residential and Commercial remodeling permits are also higher than 2018 and 2019. Mr. Mahli expressed appreciation to everyone for accelerating momentum in Moorhead. He added a large redevelopment project at I-94 & 8<sup>th</sup> Street is published for a public hearing before the City Council on October 26.

21. Executive Session (If needed)

- A. Closed Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Statute 13D.05 subd. 3(c)(3) for the purpose of developing offers or counter offers for the sale of real property described as a portion of Lots 13-29, Block 1 Whites 2nd Addition in the City of Moorhead

**Motion to Enter Closed Session at 6:15 pm made by Deb White and seconded by Larry Seljevoid**

Motion Passed

For: 6

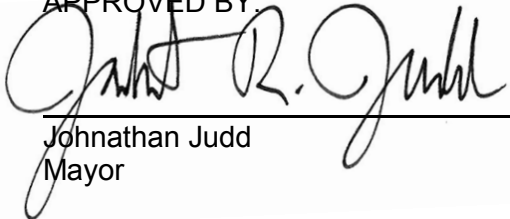
Absent: 2

Exited Closed Session at 6:44pm

22. New Business
23. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:44pm**

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*