



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2025 AT 5:30 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present: Council Member: Ryan Nelson

Council Member: Nicole Mattson

Council Member: Heather Nesemeier

Council Member: Emily Moore

Council Member: Lisa Borgen

Council Member: Sebastian McDougall

Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson

Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent: Council Member: Deb White

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Roger Erickson

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode and Chief Shannon Monroe presented the MoorHeart Award to Roger Erickson for his work supporting our local law enforcement and specifically the Moorhead Police Department K9 Program.

B. Presentation: Gate City Bank/City of Moorhead Neighborhood Impact Home Improvement Program

Gate City Bank Assistant Vice President Angie Fogel shared information on the Neighborhood Impact Program (NIP) partnership and presented a \$2M check dedicated to fund the housing rehabilitation program in Moorhead.

C. Proclamation: Kurdish Heritage Month

Council member McDougall presented the Kurdish Heritage Month proclamation.

6. Approve Minutes

A. February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Sebastian McDougall

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing for 14th Ave S, 13th St S, and 18th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-02)

Motion to Open Public Hearing for 14th Ave S, 13th St S, and 18th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-02) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Ryan Nelson

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

Assistant City Engineer Clay Lexen presented the proposed work on 14th Ave. S, 13th St. S, and 18th St. S. Underground Utility and Street Improvements. The City of Moorhead and Moorhead Public Service will collaborate on this project along with an Xcel Energy project that will be completed concurrently with this project.

Three Moorhead residents asked clarifying questions regarding the project.

Motion to Close Public Hearing for 14th Ave S, 13th St S, and 18th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-02) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Lisa Borgen

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

B. Resolution to Order Improvement and Declare Official Intent for 14th Ave S, 13th St S, and 18th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-02)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Award Bid for 14th Ave S, 13th St S, and 18th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-02) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Emily Moore

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

- C. Resolution to Award Bid for 14th Ave S, 13th St S, and 18th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-02)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Award Bid for 14th Ave S, 13th St S, and 18th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-02) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Emily Moore

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

- D. Public Hearing for Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03)

Motion to Open Public Hearing for Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03) made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

Assistant City Engineer Clay Lexen presented the proposed Country Heritage Area Street Improvement project.

Motion to Close Public Hearing for Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03) made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Sebastian McDougall

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

- E. Resolution to Order Improvement and Declare Official Intent for Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Award Bid for Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03) made by Emily Moore and seconded by Lisa Borgen

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

- F. Resolution to Award Bid for Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Award Bid for Country Heritage Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-03) made by Emily Moore and seconded by Lisa Borgen

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

10. Economic Development

- A. *Resolution to Approve Transfer of City-Owned Property to the Moorhead Economic Development Authority

11. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Authorize Temporary Easement Agreements for the 34th Street (4th Ave S to 3rd Ave N) Rehabilitation Project (Eng. No. 23-02-01)

12. Community Development Department

- A. *First Reading of Ordinance 2025-02: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 10, Chapter 12, Residential, Chapter 13, Commercial, Chapter 14, Industrial, Chapter 15, Mixed Use, Chapter 17E, Gateway Overlay, Chapter 18, Use Regulations, Chapter 19, Site Development Standards of the Moorhead City Code and related Zoning Map Amendments

13. Administration

- A. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of the Police Chief

Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz presented the recommendation of Christopher Helmick as Police Chief effective April 14, 2025. Mr. Rietz shared an overview of the selection process for this position.

Chief Helmick thanked everyone who supported him during this process. Mr. Helmick congratulated current Police Chief Shannon Monroe on his retirement.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve the Appointment of the Police Chief made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Mattson, Nesemeier, Moore, Borgen, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; White

- B. *Resolution to Approve the Consumption of Beer on the Premises of the Moorhead Youth Hockey Arena on April 18 & 19, 2025
- C. *Consider Actions Relating to Demolition in and around City Hall
- D. *Resolution to Approve an Agreement with McGough Construction Co., LLC for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the Moorhead Center Mall Demolition
- E. *Resolution to Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #1 to the Agreement with McGough Construction Co., LLC for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the Moorhead Center Mall Demolition
- F. *Resolution to Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #1 to the Agreement with McGough Construction Co., LLC for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the City Hall Renovation Project

14. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Nesemeier attended the quarterly Airport Committee meeting. Ms. Nesemeier shared an opportunity for community members to look to legislation SF1690, authored by Senator Rob Kupec, for development of a stewardship program. Ms. Nesemeier attended the event for International Women's Day on March 8th, 2025, and extends her thanks to those who helped host the event.

Council Member Mattson reported attending International Women's Day. She also attended Foundational training at the League of Minnesota Cities for new City Council Members. Ms. Mattson attended a Clay County collaborative meeting and explained that the application for this year's funding cycle will be out soon.

Council Member Nelson and Borgen shared an update on the Legislative Work Group after attending the Moorhead Area day at the Capital along with Mayor Carlson, the Chamber, Lisa Bode, and Derrick LaPoint. Mr. Nelson and Ms. Borgen expressed their gratitude for those who met with them in Saint Paul. Mr. Nelson and Ms. Borgen also attended the City Day on the Hill, sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities. Mr. Nelson mentioned that there will be Senate and Housing committees that will be hearing bills regarding future development of our cities.

Council Member Moore extended her thanks to the city for supporting them at the Elected Leaders Institute with League of Minnesota Cities. Ms. Moore also met with the EDA last month along with Council Member Nelson.

Mayor Carlson gave an update on lobbying work in Washington, DC which was in conjunction with the MMUA and AAPA. Ms. Carlson testified at the State Capitol on behalf of the Cultural Mall on February 18th, 2025. Mayor Carlson expressed her gratitude to Shawn Nygaard from Korsmo Funeral Services who signed off on contributing \$25,000 to The Loop as a community sponsor. Mayor Carlson and City Manager Dan Mahli spoke at the Brookdale Baptist Church Community Forum on February 22, 2025. Mayor Carlson sends out congratulations to Class AAA 250 lbs. wrestling title won by Moorhead Spud Billy Ward, the Moorhead boys AA hockey team on their first ever Moorhead hockey championship, Brooks Cullen who was awarded the Brooks award, Mason Kraft who was selected as the 2025 Mr. Hockey of Minnesota, and Coach Jon Ammerman who was selected as the 2025 coach of the year.

15. City Manager Reports
16. Executive Session
17. New Business
18. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

APPROVED BY:



Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Rust
City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.