



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2023 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: Matthew Gilbertson

Council Member: Heather Nesemeier

Council Member: Deb White

Council Member: Sebastian McDougall

Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson

Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent: Council Member: Laura Caroon

Council Member: Larry Seljevold

Council Member Deb White joined meeting at 6:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Alison Wolbeck

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart award to mental health advocate and Moorhead resident Alison Wolbeck.

B. Presentation: University of Minnesota Extension in Clay County

University of Minnesota Extension Service's Northwest Regional Director Cecilia Amadou and 4-H Educator Mindy Grant shared information, history, and programming available through the Minnesota Extension Service in Clay County.

C. Presentation: United Way of Cass Clay

United Way of Clay County Director of Resource Development Christie Lewandoski shared information on partnerships and the impact the United Way has serving children and families in need throughout the region.

5. Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion.

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0
Abstain/Recuse: 0
Absent: 2; Caroon, Seljevold

6. Approve Minutes

A. September 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve September 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Sebastian McDougall

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Caroon, Seljevold

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Administration

A. Resolution of Support for the Moorhead Cultural Mall Project

Motion to Approve Resolution of Support for the Moorhead Cultural Mall Project made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 2; Caroon, Seljevold

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode introduced a draft resolution of support and noted a change in the amount requested from the State of Minnesota from \$3.5 million to \$7.25 million. Executive Director of the Immigrant Development Center Fowzia Adde introduced Tolu Afolabi who presented the proposal for a Cultural Mall. Mr. Afolabi stated the request relates to a capital funding request to the State of Minnesota through the Office of Management and Budget for consideration in the 2024 State of MN legislative session. Shannon Schweigert, Managing Partner at PACE Fundraising, presented preliminary findings of a study that supports the feasibility of the Cultural Mall in Moorhead.

11. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Heather Nesemeier thanked Cecilia Amadou and Mindy Grant for their presentation about the University of Minnesota Extension Service in Clay County. Council member Nesemeier spoke of her attendance at the Moorhead's Business Association 56560 Connect event and tour during Public Power Week. Council member Nesemeier noted a few changes from the Solid Waste Advisory meeting and shared that the Clay County Waste Sort event is Thursday, October 19. Council member Nesemeier talked about her participation in the Moorhead Police Academy and that new socks are being collected at the Law Enforcement Center for people experiencing homelessness. Council Member Nesemeier made note and appreciation for all of the Indigenous

People's Day's events held on October 9.

Council member Deb White shared her appreciation and participation in several Indigenous Peoples Day events. Council member White stated the Human Rights Commission is accepting applications for its annual Human Rights Awards and encouraged residents to share the word and submit nominations.

Council member Chuck Hendrickson stated he attended and spoke at MState's 20th anniversary celebration.

Council member Ryan Nelson spoke of his and Council member McDougall's attendance at the Metro Area Transit Coordinating Board. He noted struggles to hire bus drivers and a plan to study expanded routes in northeast Moorhead near the new DMV and planned County treatment center.

Mayor Shelly Carlson spoke about a meeting she appreciated with 8 year-old Ingrid Fvobodny who is working on a homeschool project about women in leadership. Mayor Carlson mentioned the US Army Corp of Engineers won a National Academy recognition through the St. Paul District for its portion of the FM Diversion project. Mayor Carlson provided an update from the Moorhead Clay County Joint Powers group and Metro Flood Diversion. Mayor Carlson talked about her participation in a ribbon cutting at the North Dakota Air National Guard for its updated operations center.

12. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli stated the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and City of Moorhead are hosting an open house to share information about the 11th Street underpass project on October 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Hjemkomst Center.


13. Executive Session

14. New Business

15. Adjourn

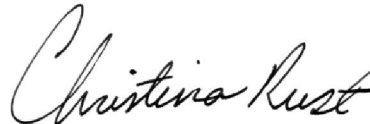
7:12pm

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.