



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 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: Heather Nesemeier  
Council Member: Deb White  
Council Member: Sebastian McDougall  
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson  
Mayor: Shelly Carlson  
Council Member: Nicole Mattson  
Council Member: Emily Moore  
Council Member: Lisa Borgen  
Absent: Council Member: Ryan Nelson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Nelson

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Jonathan Rutter

City Manager Dan Mahli presented the MoorHeart Award to Jonathan Rutter, Executive Director and Curator at the Rourke Art Gallery and Museum. Jonathan was recognized for his commitment to public art initiatives and work to make the arts accessible to everyone in the region.

B. 2024 Annual Development Report

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented the City of Moorhead's 2024 Development Report.

6. Approve Minutes

A. January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Nicole Mattson**

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Nelson

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

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Economic Development

A. \*Resolution to Approve Publication of the 2025 Notice of Land Availability

11. Engineering Department

A. \*Resolution to Award Bid for Storm Lift Station No. 12 Improvements (Eng. No. 25-05-01)

B. \*Resolution to Award Bid for the Sanitary Lift Station No. 10 & 28 Improvements Project (Eng. No. 25-06-01)

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

D. \*Resolution to Receive Report, Order Plans & Specifications and Call for Public Hearing for River Dr S, 18th Ave S, 3rd St S, and Elm St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-03)

E. \*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for River Dr S, 18th Ave S, 3rd St S, and Elm St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A2-03)

12. Fire Department

A. Resolution to Authorize Agreement with the Center for Public Safety Excellence to Pursue Accreditation of the Fire Department

Fire Chief Jeff Wallin shared information on the Fire Accreditation process the Moorhead Fire Department's interest in engaging in the process with the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize Agreement with the Center for Public Safety Excellence to Pursue Accreditation of the Fire Department made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nesemeier, White, McDougall, Hendrickson, Carlson, Mattson, Moore, Borgen

Against: 0;  
Abstain/Recuse: 0;  
Absent: 1; Nelson

13. Community Development Department

- A. \*Resolution to Approve Agreement Relating to the 2024 Call for Art – Indigenous Sculpture
- B. \*Resolution to Make a Determination that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the Moorhead Center Mall Redevelopment Project
- C. \*Resolution to Approve Vacation of Right of Way within the proposed Moorhead Downtown Addition
- D. \*First Reading of Ordinance 2025-01: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Moorhead City Code, Title 10, Chapter 15, Mixed Use Districts, Title 10, Chapter 13, Commercial Districts, Title 10, Chapter 22, Signs and Repeal Title 10, Chapter 13, Article B, RC: Regional Commercial.
- E. \*Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Final Plat for Moorhead Downtown Addition

14. Administration

- A. \*Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Courts & Pints, LLC (DBA Courtside)

15. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member White recognized participants in the Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat at the Law Enforcement Center on January 31. The annual meeting of the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation is scheduled on February 18 at the Armory in Moorhead. Council member White invited the public to attend the Global Market at the Hjemkomst Center on February 11.

Council member Nesemeier stated the Moorhead Public Housing Board received a clean independent audit for 2024. Council member Nesemeier stated residents may be impacted by access to Federal housing vouchers.

Council member Mattson attended the Clay County Collaborative meeting. Council member Mattson also thanked all who participated and helped plan the Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat.

Mayor Carlson attended the Metro Flood Diversion Authority meeting. She stated a contract for land management services was approved in January. Mayor Carlson spoke with a Cub Scout group. Mayor Carlson presented during a webinar hosted by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. The Mayor thanked staff for its work on the 2024 Development Report, which was presented as part of the FM Building and Industry Association's annual meeting and celebration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Hendrickson attended the Red River Basin Commission Conference. Council member Hendrickson also thanked Artist Duane Goodwin who was selected to complete a work of indigenous art to be located on the open public area on the southeast corner of 4 Street and Center Avenue.

16. City Manager Reports

17. Executive Session

- A. Closed Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) for the purpose of conducting the City Managers Annual Performance Evaluation\*

\*At the next regular City Council meeting, the Mayor, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) will present a summary of the performance evaluation of the City Manager

**Motion to Enter Closed Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) for the purpose of conducting the City Managers Annual Performance Evaluation at 6:07pm made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Nelson


Exited closed session at 7:07pm.

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

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.