



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2024 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: Laura Caroon  
Council Member: Deb White  
Council Member: Larry Seljevoll  
Council Member: Sebastian McDougall  
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson  
Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent:

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevoll, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Presentation: 2024 Bond Sale, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors

Moorhead Public Service General Manager Travis Schmidt introduced Chris Hogan, Director with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors. Ms. Hogan presented information on the 2024 Public Utility Revenue Bond Sale.

6. Approve Minutes

A. January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Ryan Nelson**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevoll, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;  
Absent: 0;

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

Residents from Moorhead and Fargo presented information on the Israel Hamas war and requested support for a cease fire in Gaza.

A Fargo resident addressed the City Council with questions about the issuance of a liquor license. Assistant City Attorney Chris McShane stated the matter is a civil issue that should be addressed in the civil court.

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing to Authorize Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for 2024 Operating and Capital Assistance

**Motion to Open Public Hearing Public Hearing to Authorize Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for 2024 Operating and Capital Assistance made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Larry Seljevold**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

Moorhead Transit Manager Lori Van Beek shared proposed budget and service information in the 2024 application to the Federal Transit Administration for MATBUS.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing Public Hearing to Authorize Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for 2024 Operating and Capital Assistance made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Ryan Nelson**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

B. Resolution to Authorize Budget Adjustment #24-003 and Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for 2024 Operating and Capital Assistance

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize Budget Adjustment #24-003 and Filing of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for 2024 Operating and Capital Assistance made by Deb White and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

10. Economic Development

- A. \*Resolution to Approve Application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for a Redevelopment Grant in Support of Downtown Redevelopment, Committing Local Match, and Authorizing Contract Signatures

11. Engineering Department

- A. Resolution to Approve Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1053983 for the Downtown Underpass Project (Eng. No. 14-02-03)

City Engineer Bob Zimmerman shared an update on the 11 Street Underpass project and next steps to kick-off the large infrastructure improvement.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1053983 for the Downtown Underpass Project (Eng. No. 14-02-03) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

- B. Resolution to Approve Various Property Rights for the Downtown Underpass Project (Eng. No. 14-02-03C)

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Various Property Rights for the Downtown Underpass Project (Eng. No. 14-02-03C) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

- C. Resolution to Approve the City of Moorhead enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1055212 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve the City of Moorhead enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1055212 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

- D. \*Resolution to Approve Actions Relating to 4th Ave S, 5th Ave S and 6th St S Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-06)

- E. \*Resolution to Approve Actions Relating to 14th St N, 16th St N, and 6th Ave N Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-04)

F. \*Resolution to Approve Actions Relating to 4th Ave N and 30th St N Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-05)

G. \*Resolution to Support an Active Transportation Grant Application

12. Fire Department

A. \*Resolution to Award Bid for the Remodel of Fire Station 1 to Accommodate the 11th St N Underpass

B. \*Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #24-004 and Accept Grant Award for 2022 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program.

13. Community Development Department

A. \*Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #24-002 and Related Agreement with State of MN - Department of Labor and Industry

14. Moorhead Public Service

A. Resolution Accepting Offer on the Sale of City of Moorhead \$27,810,000 Public Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A (Moorhead Public Service), and providing for their Issuance

**Motion to Approve Resolution Accepting Offer on the Sale of City of Moorhead \$27,810,000 Public Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A (Moorhead Public Service), and providing for their Issuance made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

15. Administration

A. \*Resolution to Approve Trollwood Performing Arts School 2024 Operating Budget & Execute Affidavit

B. \*Resolution to Accept Quarterly Donations

C. \*Resolution to Accept 2023 Donations

16. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Deb White provided an update from the Red River Recovery Initiative, a community organization addressing the opioid crisis locally. Based on recent information, there is an increase in overdoses in the area due to xylazine which is believed to be the reason for the increase. Council member White stated education and information across the community is needed.

Council member Heather Nesemeier shared an update from the Cass Clay Food Partners and the opportunity for community members to be part of the action network.

Mayor Shelly Carlson spoke about presentations at the Chamber of Commerce's 2024 State of Cities address and the Building and Industry Association of the Red River Valley's annual celebration

(formerly the Homebuilders Association of FM). Mayor Carlson shared an update from the Red River Regional Dispatch Center board meeting and mentioned an interview with WDAY Radio about efforts in Moorhead around housing, homelessness and other topics. Mayor Carlson reported on a Moorhead Public Service meeting with Missouri River Energy Services and Senator Rob Kupec. She spoke about a wonderful presentation by Council member Laura Caroon on worthiness at United Way's Lead United Series. Mayor Carlson talked about participating in the Chamber's Public Policy Committee and Clay County Leader Round Table visits. Mayor Carlson also mentioned a meeting with City Manager Mahli and the Factory Manager at American Crystal Sugar in Moorhead to talk about communication and collaboration.

17. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli updated the City Council on Moorhead's Development Report and stated more information will be shared at the Feb 12 Council meeting.

18. Executive Session

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

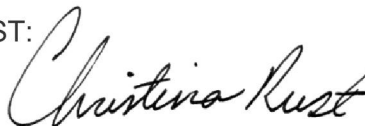
Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm

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.