



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 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: Deb White

Council Member: Sebastian McDougall

Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson

Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent: Council Member: Laura Caroon

Council Member: Larry Seljevold

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

Item 8B was removed from the City Council agenda.

4. Consent Agenda

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda 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

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Steve Moore

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented a MoorHeart Award to Moorhead Area Public Schools' Director of Operations Steve Moore. Mr. Moore thanked the parents who nominated him along with the entire school team and community of Moorhead.

B. 2023 Development Report

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky shared Moorhead's 2023 Development Report. Ms. Leshovsky highlighted partnerships that are resulting in significant growth and development in Moorhead.

C. Recognition: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

City Manager Dan Mahli shared that the City of Moorhead has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting. Finance Director Jenica Flanagan shared appreciation and credit with the city and finance staff team for its work and achievements.

6. Approve Minutes

A. January 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve January 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Deb White**

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)

FM area residents shared information on the Israel Hamas War and requested a resolution of support for a cease fire in Gaza.

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

A. \*Resolution to Approve Mayoral Appointments of Council Members to Committees, Boards, and Commissions

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Economic Development

A. \*Resolution to Approve Publication of the 2024 Notice of Land Availability

B. \*Resolution to Approve the Sale of City-owned Land located at 4218 29 Ave S (58.418.0030) to A-P Real Estate, LLC

11. Engineering Department

A. \*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 4th Ave S, 5th Ave S and 6th St S Area Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-06)

B. \*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 4th Ave N and 30th St N Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-05)

C. \*Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 14th St N, 16th St N, and 6th Ave N Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-04)

D. \*Resolution to Receive Report, Order Preparation of Plans & Specs and Call for a Public Hearing for 2024 Final Wearing Course and Meadows Golf Course Parking Lot Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A2-02)

12. Parks and Recreation Department

A. \*Resolution to Accept a Donation from Moorhead American Legion Post 21 for Matson Field Grandstand Project and Enter into an Agreement for Naming Rights for the Scoreboard

13. Community Development Department

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-02: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 10, Chapter 18, Section 1, Use Regulations, and Title 10, Chapter 18, Section 2, Provisional and Conditional Use Requirements relating to the New Cannabis Law and Repeal Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 21, Offenses related to Drug Paraphernalia

City Planner Robin Huston presented proposed City Code changes related to new cannabis laws in Minnesota. The amendments include land use updates, removal of references to paraphernalia, and updates to Moorhead's Zoning Use Table.

**Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2024-02: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 10, Chapter 18, Section 1, Use Regulations, and Title 10, Chapter 18, Section 2, Provisional and Conditional Use Requirements relating to the New Cannabis Law and Repeal Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 21, Offenses related to Drug Paraphernalia 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, Seljevoid

- B. \*Resolution to Approve Agreement with Commercial Recreation Specialists for Play Equipment for the Moorhead Community Center Public Library
- C. \*Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision - 2605 8th St S - Parcel 58.100.0660
- D. \*Resolution to Approve Vacation of 54th Avenue NW and 5th Street NW Right of Way and All Utility Easements within Riverside Acres Subdivision and Riverside Acres 2nd Subdivision
- E. \*Resolution to Approve a Conditional Use Permit for a Religious Institution in MU-1: Downtown Mixed Use at 106 5th Street S

14. Moorhead Public Service

- A. \*Resolution to Award Bids for 2024 Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals

15. Public Works

- A. Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #24-006 and Accept MN Natural Resources Shade Tree Program Bonding Grant

Public Works Director Paul Fiechtner shared that Moorhead was selected for grant funding from the Minnesota Natural Resources Shade Tree program. The grant funds will help plant thousands of trees to establish a more diverse urban forest in Moorhead and support the City's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #24-006 and Accept MN Natural Resources Shade Tree Program Bonding Grant made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Sebastian McDougall**

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

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16. Administration

- A. \*Resolution to Approve the Consumption of Beer on the Premises of the Moorhead Youth Hockey Arena on March 29 & 30, 2024
- B. \*Resolution to Authorize Budget Adjustment 24-005 for Purchase of Replacement Paratransit Bus
- C. \*Resolution to Approve the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan 2023 Update and Authorize Submission to the Federal Transit Administration

17. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Heather Nesemeier provided an update from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. She also shared the Board of Water and Soil Resources has applications open for Lawns to Legumes grants.

Council Member Matt Gilbertson stated applications for MPS' electric vehicle rebates are now open. He also shared Moorhead Public Service earned a Smart Energy Provider Designation Award.

Council Member Deb White provided an update from a recent MATBUS Advisory Committee meeting. She stated a driver shortage still exists. Council Member White thanked residents that are attending City Council and City Commission meetings across the metro to appeal for an end to the human rights crisis in Gaza.

Mayor Shelly Carlson reported she attended a lunch with Senator Kupec, Moorhead Public Service, and Missouri River Energy Services (MRES). Mayor Carlson also shared an update on the several FM Diversion meetings. The Mayor thanked City staff for putting together the Intergovernmental Retreat and Council members and staff who participated. Mayor Carlson talked about speaking at the Kiwanis Club meeting and a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Paul Korsmo.

18. City Manager Reports

19. Executive Session

20. New Business

21. Adjourn

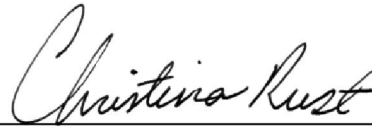
Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm

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.