



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 09, 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. MoorHeart Recognition: Abdishakur Mohamed

Moorhead Human Rights Commission Chair Siham Amedy presented the MoorHeart Award to Abdishakur Mohamed, creator and founder of Soma Employment Solutions. Mr. Mohamed helps bridge the gap between workforce demand and supply and addresses challenges by creating opportunities.

B. Proclamation: Welcoming Week

Council member McDougall read Moorhead's Welcoming Week proclamation.

6. Approve Minutes

A. August 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve August 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Sebastian McDougall**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson  
Against: 0;  
Abstain/Recuse: 0;  
Absent: 0

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

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Community Development Department

A. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-08 to Amend and Reenact Title 3, Chapter 9: Pools of the City of Moorhead City Code

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented a text amendment to City Code regarding residential pools in Moorhead.

**Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2024-08 to Amend and Reenact Title 3, Chapter 9: Pools of the City of Moorhead City Code made by Deb White and seconded by Larry Seljevold**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson  
Against: 0  
Abstain/Recuse: 0  
Absent: 0

11. Moorhead Public Service

A. \*Resolution to Approve Revised Exhibit A to the Transmission Operator Procedure with Western Area Power Administration

12. Public Works

A. \*Resolution to Approve Agreement with MBA Development Company for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services on the Matson Field Grandstand Project

13. Administration

A. Resolution to Approve Consent to the Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority 2025 Special Benefit Tax

Moorhead Public Housing Agency Executive Director Dawn Bacon and Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Dara Lee presented a request for consent to the Clay County Board of Commissioners to levy a special benefit tax in 2025.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Consent to the Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority 2025 Special Benefit Tax made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, McDougall, Hendrickson  
Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0  
Absent: 0

- B. \*Resolution Authorizing Membership in the 4M Fund
- C. \*Resolution to Accept Grant Funding from the Institute for Responsive Government and Approve Budget Adjustment #24-032
- D. \*Resolution to Approve Amendment to General Release
- E. \*Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Reasons, LLC (Reese & Riley's Olive Oil & Bistro Bar)
- F. Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute and Declaration of Official Intent for the City Hall Renovation

Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz presented a request to Declare Official Intent for the City Hall renovation project to allow for certain planning and design elements. The plan is to fund the project with bond sale proceeds.

**Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute and Declaration of Official Intent for the City Hall Renovation made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier**

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

14. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member McDougall attended the All African Festival on Saturday, August 31 and stated it was a wonderful event.

Council member White stated the Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat is scheduled on January 31, 2025. Council member White thanked the Moorhead Human Rights Commission, Inclusive Moorhead, and West Central Initiative for their work and support of the Greater Moorhead Days Parade and community social afterward. The Red River Run on September 14 will raise funds for phase two of the Inclusive Playground at Southside Regional Park.

Council member Gilbertson shared that Moorhead Public Service announced that Moorhead took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Minnesota State Fair for the best tasting water in the State of Minnesota.

Mayor Carlson attended an event called Decades Dinner to discuss financial futures. The Downtown Fargo Rotary invited Mayor Carlson and City Manager Mahli to share what is happening in Moorhead. The Red River Basin Commission included Mayor Carlson on tours of the Anheuser-Busch Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Moorhead. Mayor Carlson also attended the YWCA's Chocolate for Change event.

15. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli thanked everyone for participating in Greater Moorhead Days events. Upcoming activities include Midco Kids Fest on Tuesday, September 10 from 4:30 to 7:00 at

Bluestem and the Lake Agassiz Pacers Red River Run on September 14 at MB Johnson Park. Information on more events are listed on the City of Moorhead website at [cityofmoorhead.com](http://cityofmoorhead.com).

16. Executive Session

A. Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03 for Labor Negotiations

**Motion to Enter Closed Session Executive Session at 6:08pm pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03 for Labor Negotiations made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Sebastian McDougall**

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion to Exit Closed Session Executive Session at 8:22pm pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.04 for Labor Negotiations made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

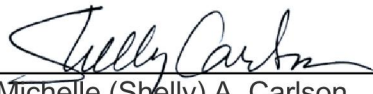
Absent: 0

17. New Business

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

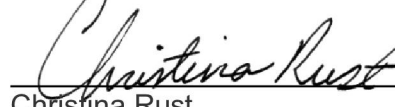
APPROVED BY:



Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson

Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Rust

City Clerk

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