



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 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: Laura Caroon
Council Member: Deb White
Council Member: Steve Lindaas
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson
Absent: Council Member: Larry Seljevold
Mayor: Shelly Carlson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Presentation: West Central Initiative, Rebecca Petersen, Director of Development

West Central Initiative Director of Development Rebecca Petersen updated the City Council on new initiatives and events happening across the region with WCI.

B. Presentation: Moorhead Baseball Stadium – Matson Field

Members of the American Legion presented a check of \$250,000 to kick off the capital campaign for the Grandstand Stadium project at Matson Ball Field in Moorhead.

C. Presentation: Next Steps on Sustainability & Resiliency Goals, Crystal Rayamajhi

Sustainability Coordinator Crystal Rayamajhi updated the City Council on sustainability, resilience, and climate action initiatives in Moorhead and presented a framework for a green team/sustainability workgroup.

6. Approve Minutes

A. August 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve August 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Deb White and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Seljevoll

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

A Moorhead resident addressed the City Council regarding a blighted and abandoned single-family property next to her home. City Attorney John Shockley provided an update on the status of the problem property.

A Moorhead resident addressed concerns regarding the removal of School Resource Officers from Moorhead's middle and high schools and requested changing how communities and schools work with SROs.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

During "Public Hearings", the Mayor will ask for public testimony after staff and/or applicants make their presentations. The following guidelines are in place to ensure an efficient, fair, and respectful hearing; limit your testimony to three minutes and to the matter under consideration; the Mayor may modify times, as deemed necessary; avoid repeating remarks or points of view made by previous speakers. The use of signs, clapping, cheering or booing or any other form of verbal or nonverbal communication is not allowed.

A. Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Terry Lagerquist on behalf of 4101 32 Ave LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 4101 32 Ave S (58.417.0050)

Motion to Open Public Hearing Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Terry Lagerquist on behalf of 4101 32 Ave LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 4101 32 Ave S (58.417.0050) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Ryan Nelson

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Seljevoll

Economic Development partner Derrick LaPoint shared the request of Terry Lagerquist on behalf of TL Industries for an addition to the commercial building at 4101 32 Ave S.

Motion to Close Public Hearing Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Terry Lagerquist on behalf of 4101 32 Ave LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 4101 32 Ave S (58.417.0050) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 1; Seljevoll

- B. Resolution to Approve Property Tax Exemption for 4101 32 Ave LLC for a Project located at 4101 32 Ave S (58.417.0050)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Property Tax Exemption for 4101 32 Ave LLC for a Project located at 4101 32 Ave S (58.417.0050) made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 1; Seljevoll

10. Fire Department

- A. *Resolution to Accept Grant Award for 2022 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program (Budget Adjustment #23-037)

11. Parks and Recreation Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Grant from PartnerSHIP 4 Health and related Agreement for Benches in Southside Regional Park (Budget Adjustment #23-041)

12. Public Works

- A. *Resolution to Approve Submission of Grants for Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Funds for Support of EAB Efforts

13. Administration

- A. Resolution to Approve Consent to the Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority 2024 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 to consent to a special benefit tax in 2024 to be levied if approved by the Clay County Commission.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve Consent to the Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority 2024 Special Benefit Tax made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 1; Gilbertson

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 1; Seljevoll

- B. *Resolution to Authorize Budget and Expenditures for Maple Court Townhomes Homeownership Initiative
- C. *Resolution to Approve Contract with Houston Engineering for Professional Services Associated with Land Transfer

- D. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #23-042 for State of Minnesota One-Time Public Safety Aid Funding

14. Mayor and Council Reports

Council members Heather Nesemeier & Laura Caroon invited Ward 2 residents to a Conversation with Council Members on August 30 at 6:00 p.m. at Morningside Park. Council member Nesemeier stated as of September 1, sanitation crews will no longer pick-up yard waste in clear plastic bags from the curb. Council member Nesemeier invited residents to a Longest Table Event on September 14 at 5:30 p.m. at 1111 30 Ave S, Moorhead.

Council member Deb White spoke about a grant that was received for Welcome Week and the Greater Moorhead Days Parade. Council member White added there is a social event after the parade at MState. All are welcome to attend.

Council member Laura Caroon asked residents to save-the-date for a Community Center Regional Library open house which is scheduled on September 26 with more information to be provided soon.

Council member Ryan Nelson stated information on how to donate to many good causes in Moorhead including the [Matson Baseball Stadium](#).

15. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli thanked Council member Steve Lindaas for his service and guidance on the Moorhead City Council over the last four years.

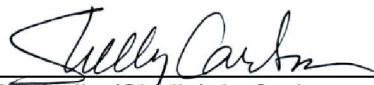
16. Executive Session

17. New Business

18. Adjourn

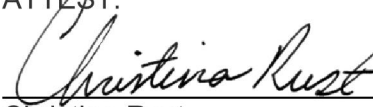
Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

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.