



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 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: Larry Seljevold
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 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;

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Proclamation: Truth and Reconciliation Day

Mayor Carlson presented the Truth and Reconciliation Day proclamation.

B. Presentation: 2024 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy

Finance Director Jenica Flanagan presented the City of Moorhead 2024 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy.

Mayor Shelly Carlson stated the public will have an opportunity to provide input on the preliminary 2024 City tax levy at the regularly scheduled City Council meetings in October and November. Final adoption of the 2024 tax levy will take place at the Hjemkomst on December 11, 2023 at the 5:30 City Council meeting. Citizens may contact the City's Finance Director at 218-299-5317 or by mail at PO Box 779 Moorhead, MN 56561 with questions regarding the 2024 preliminary tax levy.

6. Approve Minutes

A. September 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve September 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Larry Seljevold and seconded by Deb White

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)

A Moorhead resident shared a concern about members of the public stating their property address when speaking to the City Council. She mentioned it is a personal security issue. She also requested enhancing the City's website and allowing the public to address the City Council virtually during public meetings.

A Moorhead resident addressed the City Council in opposition to approving the liquor license application for Onyx Bar & Grill.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Economic Development

A. *Resolution to Approve Amendment to the Tax Incentive Agreement for Odin Properties LLC

11. Engineering Department

A. *Resolutions for Completed Public Improvement Projects Funded with Special Assessments

B. *Resolution to call for an Assessment Hearing for Completed Public Improvement Projects Funded with Special Assessments

12. Community Development Department

A. *Resolution to Approve a Conditional Use Permit for Self-Storage in CC: Community Commercial at 3220 8th St S

B. *Resolution to Approve Conditional Use Permits for Excavation and Construction in the Floodway and Flood Fringe at 111 8th St N (W.H. Davy/Memorial Park)

13. Administration

A. Resolution to Approve the Preliminary 2024 City Tax Levy

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve the Preliminary 2024 City Tax Levy made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

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

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

- B. Resolution to Approve the Preliminary 2024 Economic Development Authority Tax Levy

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve the Preliminary 2024 Economic Development Authority Tax Levy 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;

- C. Liquor License Denial Appeal - Onyx Bar & Grill

Motion to Open Hearing Liquor License Denial Appeal - Onyx Bar & Grill 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;

Attorney Tim O'Keeffe addressed the City Council regarding Onyx Bar & Grill's application for a liquor license. Applicant Daniel Saintal addressed the City Council regarding the application. Discussion with the City Council took place regarding the liquor license appeal.

Motion to Close Hearing Liquor License Denial Appeal - Onyx Bar & Grill 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;

Motion to Approve Liquor License Appeal - Onyx Bar & Grill and direct city attorney to prepare written findings consistent with the decision of the City Council made by Larry Seljevold and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 5; Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, Carlson

Against: 4; Nelson, Gilbertson, Hendrickson, McDougall

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0;

- D. *Resolution to Approve Off-Site Gambling Permit to Moorhead Youth Hockey Association on October 26, 2023
- E. *Resolution to Approve Liquor License to Hen Holdings LLC DBA Hen House

14. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Deb White invited residents to a Conversation with Ward 3 Council members on September 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the community room at the Stonemill Apartments. Council member White spoke of upcoming Indigenous Peoples Day events on Monday, October 9. She added the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday, October 9 is moved to Tuesday, October 10. Council member White added it was an honor to attend and speak at ribbons cuttings for the Midtown Trail and M.B. Johnson Park Boat Launch in Moorhead on September 25.

Council member Laura Caroon spoke about attendance recently by the MN House of Representatives' Bonding Committee to talk about in-town flood mitigation in Moorhead. Council member Caroon also attended the Girl Scouts' Cookies, Corks and Brews fundraiser event. Council member Caroon invited all to attend a Community Center Regional Library Open House taking place on Tuesday, September 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Council member Heather Nesemeier stated the final Moorhead Farmer's Market of 2023 is taking place at the Hjemkomst Center on September 26.

Council member Chuck Hendrickson spoke about attending the United Way of Cass Clay's Community Kick Off and ribbon cuttings for FM Area Association of Realtors and KidCo Children's Museum in Moorhead. Council member Hendrickson spoke about his appreciation and participation in the Brunch with Friends event hosted by the local chapter of Friends of the Children.

Council Member Matt Gilbertson updated the City Council on a recent Moorhead Public Service Commission meeting. He stated the low-income water assistance program that was offered during COVID is ending and the electric and heating program will continue.

Mayor Shelly Carlson thanked Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Hendrickson for his support while she was out of town. Mayor Carlson also thanked Council members White, Caroon and Nelson for representing Moorhead at local public events. Mayor Carlson shared her attendance at the Fargo Moorhead's Community Theater's Build-A-Thon and Swing Barrel's Oktoberfest.

15. City Manager Reports

16. Executive Session

17. New Business

18. Adjourn

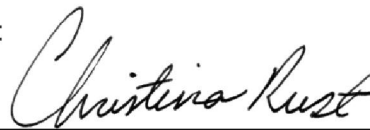
Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

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.