



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
July 13, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (8): Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson (attended remotely for work duties)

Present Not Voting (1): Shelly Carlson

Absent (0):

City Manager Dan Mahli introduced a job shadow, Sabarin Wani, a senior at Moorhead High School who is participating in the Compass Profile program, a partnership with the Chambers work/learning initiative.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.
For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. Recognition: Moorhead Fire Department Citizen Award - Blake Krueger & DJ Stephan

Fire Chief Jeff Wallin recognized Community Development staff Blake Krueger and DJ Stephen for their courageous acts of service.

B. Presentation: Greater Moorhead Business Association

Executive Director of the Greater Moorhead Business Association Stacia Sytsma and co-owner of Swing Barrel Brewing Sean Syverson shared information about Tour de Cones events that are underway to support businesses impacted by construction on Center Avenue.

6. Approve Minutes

A. June 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Emily Moore.

For 7: Ryan Nelson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Absent 1: Nicole Mattson

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

A Moorhead resident addressed the City Council regarding domestic violence.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Innovis Health LLC for a Renaissance Zone Property Tax Exemption for a Commercial Renovation Project located at 730 Center Ave (58.575.0800)

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Downtown Moorhead Inc President Matt Leiseth shared a request from Innovis Health LLC (Essentia) for a property tax exemption at 730 Center Avenue. Construction of the new health facility in downtown Moorhead is anticipated to begin late summer and be completed in Spring of 2027.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

B. Resolution to Approve a Renaissance Zone Property Tax Exemption for Innovis Health LLC for a Commercial Renovation Project located at 730 Center Ave (58.575.0800)

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

C. Public Hearing for Special Assessments - 2025 Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Ryan Nelson.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented proposed special

assessments for unpaid charges related to property maintenance enforcement, penalties, rental registrations, inspections, and Public Works services in 2025. Two Moorhead residents addressed the City Council regarding the proposed assessments.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Lisa Borgen.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

- D. Resolution to Adopt Special Assessments - 2025 Unpaid Administrative Penalties and Abatements

Motion to Approve made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Nicole Mattson.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

- E. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-05: An Ordinance Granting a Fiber Optic Franchise to Metro Fibernet, LLC

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Lisa Borgen.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz presented information to consider approving the proposed ordinance to grant a fiber optic franchise to Metro Fibernet, LLC.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Ryan Nelson.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

- F. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-05: An Ordinance to Grant a Fiber Optic Franchise to Metro Fibernet, LLC

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier.

For 8: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

11. Economic Development

12. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Order Report for Partridge Creek 2nd Addition Street and Underground Utility Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A6-05)

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

15. Parks and Recreation Department

16. Police Department

17. Public Works

18. Administration

- A. *Resolution for Appointment of Election Judges for the August 11, 2026 Primary Election
- B. *Resolution to Approve Off-Site Gambling Permit to Moorhead Youth Hockey Association on October 1, 2026

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Heather Nesemeier provided an update on the upcoming Safe City Night event. Council member Nesemeier also highlighted the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting where discussion included information about a new grant award to address organic waste. In addition, Council member Nesemeier mentioned an upcoming Clay County Resource Recovery Center meeting which will focus on continued collaboration between the City of Moorhead and Clay County.

Council member Deb White attended an Age Friendly Moorhead meeting where discussion centered on making Moorhead more accessible for seniors. Council member White also attended the Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership board meeting, ribbon cutting at Romkey Park, Moorhead Economic Development Authority meeting, Great American Community Potluck during Moorhead RiverArts, the Conversation with Council Members event at Romkey Park, and a summer potluck hosted by members in the Kurdish community at MB Johnson Park.

Council member Ryan Nelson attended the Red River Regional Dispatch Board meeting where it finalized its 2027 budget.

Mayor Carlson attended the League of Minnesota Cities' annual conference and noted the GreenStep City recognition to the City of Moorhead. Mayor Carlson also attended the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Planning Committee where discussion focused on flood mitigation and insurance in 2027. Mayor Carlson thanked all involved in the Great American Community Potluck during Moorhead RiverArts and highlighted the strong turnout and success of the community gathering.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli thanked Sergeant Scott Kostohryz for his leadership in Moorhead's Safe City Night events. City Manager Mahli provided updates on upcoming Bike Safety Days and Night to Unite events. Dan Mahli also expressed appreciation for the collaboration with Clay County Public Health and Partnership4Health in the completion of numerous projects related to funding received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

23. Adjourn

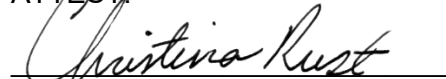
Meeting adjourned at 06:39 PM.

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.