



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
July 27, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (7): 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 (1): Ryan Nelson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.

For 7: 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. MoorHeart Recognition: Tim Johnson

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart Award to Tim Johnson Executive Director of the FM Kicks Band for bringing the joy of jazz to the Fargo Moorhead community. Mr. Johnson also runs and coordinates the Summer Youth Jazz Camp.

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode recognized Moorhead's Marketing Coordinator Caleb Fugleberg for his work and Northern Lights Award winning design of the Parks & Recreation stage trailer.

6. Approve Minutes

A. July 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

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. *Resolution to Approve Preliminary & Final Plat for Prairie Parkway 5th Addition
- B. *Resolution to Approve Developer's Agreement for Prairie Parkway 5th Addition
- C. *Resolution to Approve Preliminary & Final Plat for Partridge Creek Second Addition
- D. *Resolution to Approve Developer's Agreement for Partridge Creek Second Addition
- E. *First Reading of Ordinance 2026-02: An Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map in accordance with Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Moorhead City Code rezoning 4151 28th St S and 4301 28th St S from TZ: Transitional to RLD-3: Residential Low Density-3
- F. *First Reading of Ordinance 2026-03: An Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map in accordance with Chapter 3 of Title 10 of the Moorhead City Code rezoning 801 10th Ave S, 1022 8th St S and 1102 8th St S from INS: Institutional to MU-2: Neighborhood Mixed Use
- G. *Resolution to Approve Comprehensive Plan Amendment for 801 10th Ave S, 1022 8th St S and 1102 8th St S from Institutional to Mixed Use
- H. *First Reading of Ordinance 2026-04: An Ordinance amending and reenacting Title 10, Chapter 20, Off-Street Parking, of the Moorhead City Code relating to surfacing materials
- I. *Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision for 3345 40th Ave S (Parcel 58.900.1748) & Parcel 58.900.2854

11. Economic Development

12. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Receive Report and Order Preparation of Plans & Specifications for Partridge Creek 2nd Addition Street & Underground Utility Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A6-05)
- B. *Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Partridge Creek 2nd Addition Street & Underground Utility Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A6-05)
- C. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #26-029 and Award Bid for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Screw Pump Station Improvement Project (Eng. No. 26-06-05)

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

- A. Resolution to Approve Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency Power Sale Agreement

Moorhead Public Service General Manager Travis Schmidt presented the proposed extension of the Supplemental Power Sale Agreement (S-1 Agreement) between Moorhead, Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency, and Western Minnesota

Municipal Power Agency. The proposed extension extends the current agreement term from January 1, 2057, to January 1, 2067. General Manager Schmidt reviewed the key provisions of the agreement, highlighted the value of MPS' long-standing partnership with Missouri River Energy Services, and discussed benefits of the agreement.

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Emily Moore.
For 7: Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson
Against 0: None
Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

15. Parks and Recreation Department

16. Police Department

A. Resolution to Authorize Submission of the FY2026 Start-Up Law Enforcement Mental Health Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program Grant

Police Chief Chris Helmick & Assistant Police Chief Bill Ahlfeldt presented a proposal to apply for Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act program funds. The federal grant will allow the Moorhead Police Department to provide confidential, evidence-based behavioral health services, wellness resources, and training for active and retired officers and civilian employees of law enforcement agencies throughout western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Nicole Mattson.
For 7: Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson
Against 0: None
Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

17. Public Works

18. Administration

A. *Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-05: An Ordinance to Grant a Fiber Optic Franchise to Metro Fibernet, LLC

B. *Resolution to Approve Title & Summary for Ordinance 2026-05

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member White shared information from an Age Friendly Moorhead meeting, attended two MATBUS coordination meetings as part of a search committee for a new MATBUS coordinator, provided an update from the Red River Recovery Initiative meeting, and participated in River Arts in Vikingship Park. Council member White thanked Brandon Baity from the Indigenous Association and Moorhead Recreation Coordinator Steve French for their collaboration on the event. Council member White also discussed highlights from the Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership meeting.

Council member Nesemeier shared an update from Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Resource Recovery Center Advisory Committee meetings. Council member

Nesemeier invited the public to attend Moorhead Public Housing Agency meetings and Night to Unite events on August 4. Council member Nesemeier also mentioned the public is invited to participate in an 11 Street Corridor Study on the City's website.

Council member Moore shared information from a West Central Initiative meeting.

Mayor Carlson met with a cohort of individuals starting businesses in Moorhead and attended a community listening session hosted by Churches United. Mayor Carlson expressed appreciation to Moorhead PD Sergeant Scott Kostohryz, Parks and Recreation, and other departments and community organizations for their support and participation in Safe City Nights. Mayor Carlson attended a ground-breaking for a new Habitat for Humanity home that is being built in south Moorhead. Mayor Carlson, Police Chief Helmick, and Assistant Chief Ahlfeldt also met with leadership of the United Liberian Association of ND.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli shared information about Night to Unite events in Moorhead on August 4.

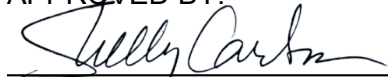
21. Executive Session

22. New Business

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 06:23 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.