



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
July 14, 2025 - 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

Absent (1): Ryan Nelson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

City Manager Mahli requested the addition of a hearing related to Onyx Bar & Grill liquor license violation under New Business.

Motion to Approve Amended Agenda made by Heather Nesemeier 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

4. Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in accordance with the "Council Rules of Procedure". In such event, the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Motion to Approve made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Heather Nesemeier.

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: Sarah Opitz

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart award to Sarah Opitz whose work with the Lotus Center and the community has had a significant impact within Moorhead.

B. Presentation: First Community Credit Union

City Manager Dan Mahli introduced First Community Credit Unions Chris Howell and Tye Jensen who presented a donation of \$50,000 for the Matson Grandstand.

6. Approve Minutes

A. June 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Council member White noted that roll call was missing on the June 23, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve made by Emily Moore 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

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

Moorhead resident thanked the City of Moorhead for their support of Flutter Fest.

Moorhead resident addressed the council regarding a levee project.

Business owner Kumar Sharma addressed the council regarding a conditional use permit for his business.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing to Consider Actions Relating to Declaration of a Hazardous Building –
1407 4th Avenue North, Parcel No. 58.218.0630

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier. 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

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented historical information on the declaration of a hazardous building at 1407 4th Ave. N. and proposed plans for declaration and demolition of the hazardous building.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White. 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

B. Resolution to Declare 1407 4th Avenue North structure a hazardous building under Minnesota Statute 463 and order the owner of the hazardous building to correct or remove the hazardous conditions of the building

Motion to Approve Item 9B. and 9C. 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

C. Resolution to Authorize Agreement(s) necessary to abate the hazardous conditions of 1407 4th Avenue North by demolition if the owner fails to address hazardous conditions

10. Community Development Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve 2025 Request for Art – Sidewalk Stamps
- B. Resolution to Deny Boulevard Parking Request from FM Auto Sales, LLC at 1702 Main Ave

City Planner Robin Huston shared information on the request for boulevard parking at FM Auto Sales located at 1702 Main Ave. Staff recommendation was to deny the request.

Motion to Approve the Resolution to deny the request made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson.

For 4: Emily Moore, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 3: Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Deb White

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Failed

11. Economic Development

12. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Local Road Improvement Program Grant Agreement for the Reconstruction of 34th St N from 4th Ave S to 3rd Ave N. Eng. No. 23-02-01

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

- A. *Resolution to Approve Exhibits to the Firm Electric Service Contract with WAPA and Updated Interconnection Contract and Updated Exhibits with WAPA and SPP
- B. *Resolution to Award Bid for Construction Phase of Ozone Generator and Equipment Replacement Project at MPS' Water Treatment Plant

15. Parks and Recreation Department

- A. *Resolution to Accept Funds for the Matson Field Grandstand Project and Enter into Agreement for Naming Rights of the Hall of Fame Wall

16. Police Department

17. Public Works

18. Administration

- A. *Resolution to Approve Representation Consent Agreement related to Negotiation and Drafting of a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Cities of West Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Heather Nesemeier volunteered at the Clay County fair along with the Clay County Extension Committee. Ms. Nesemeier extended her thanks to those who helped with the fair and everyone who participated. Ms. Nesemeier congratulated Sarah Opitz for winning the Moorheart Award. Council Member Nesemeier attended

the groundbreaking for Mattson Memorial Field.

Council Member White announced that they are having the next Conversations with Council Members event on July 22. Ms. White also mentioned that the next Night to Unite is happening next month as well.

Mayor Carlson attended 23 meetings and events. Ms. Carlson attended the RRRDC Board meeting, the MCCJPA Board Meeting as well as a meeting with the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. Mayor Carlson extended thanks to Colonel Swenson for meeting with herself and other area mayors. Ms. Carlson participated in a panel presentation at the League of Minnesota Conference. Mayor Carlson recognized Communications Coordinator Kelly Kuntz and Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz for presenting on Training the Civic Pipeline as well as Downtown Moorhead Inc. Director Derrick LaPoint for presenting on Redevelopment Projects in the City. Mayor Carlson highlighted the Friendship City Signing event with the City of Zakho and their Mayor Guhdar Sheeko. Ms. Carlson participated in the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon group and extended thanks to Heather Nesemeier for getting the city involved. Lastly, Mayor Carlson mentioned that it is Disability Pride Month and that they met with local disability advocates and community members.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli shared that Moorhead was recognized as a Step 5 city for the Green Step City Award at the League of MN Cities Conference. Mr. Mahli extended his thanks to Ethan Johnk and the team who helped organize it.

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

A. Hearing related to Onyx Bar & Grill Liquor License Violation

Lieutenant Mike Detloff shared history of the previous violations at the business along with an outline of the escalation of violations. Mr. Saintal addressed the council regarding the incident resulting in the third violation

Motion to Uphold the Third Violation Sanctions made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Lisa Borgen.

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

Against 0: None

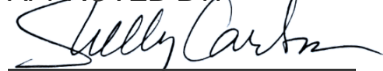
Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

23. Adjourn

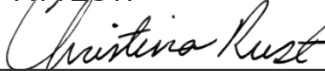
Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

APPROVED BY:



Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Rust
City Clerk