



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
August 25, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (7): Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Absent (1): Deb White

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.
For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. Assistant Chief Bill Ahlfeldt Swearing-In and Oath of Office

Police Chief Chris Helmick introduced Assistant Chief Bill Ahlfeldt who was sworn in by Mayor Carlson.

B. The Loop Sponsorship Recognition: Visit Fargo Moorhead

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode introduced President & CEO of Visit Fargo-Moorhead Charley Johnson and thanked Visit FM for its generous sponsorship of the Presentation Hall within the Moorhead Public Library Community Center.

C. Presentation: 2025A and 2025B Bond Sale, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors

Baker Tilly Director Chris Hogan shared information on the sale of 2025A & 2025B bonds.

D. Presentation: MetroCOG - 20th St/I-94 Interchange Study

FM Metropolitan Council of Governments Transportation Planner Dan Farnsworth and Senior Transportation Manager with Stantec Wade Frank presented information on the 20 St and I-94 Interchange Study.

6. Approve Minutes

A. August 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Emily Moore and seconded by Ryan Nelson.

For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, 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 residents addressed the City Council about vector control, garbage on the boulevards, sidewalk conditions, and snow and ice removal.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing to Consider Actions Relating to Declaration of a Hazardous Building - 1402 1st Avenue North, Parcel No. 58.721.0100

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

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Community Development Director Kristie Leshovsky presented information on the proposed declaration of a hazardous building located at 1402 1st Avenue North.

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

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

B. Resolution to Declare 1402 1st Avenue North structure a hazardous building under Minnesota Statute 463 and order the owner of the hazardous building to correct or remove the hazardous condition of the building

Motion to Approve Items 9B. & 9C. made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier. For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, 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 1402 1st Avenue North by Demolition if the Owner Fails to Address the Hazardous Conditions

10. Community Development Department

11. Economic Development

A. *Resolution to Approve Amendment to the Tax Incentive Agreement for 9Thirteen, LLC, to transfer the benefit of their tax incentive to Block 37 Moorhead, LLC, for a project located at 113 10th Street South (58.575.0600)

12. Engineering Department

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

- A. *Resolution to Approve Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 with Border Construction, LLC, for MPS' Redundant Network Operations Center
- B. *Resolution to Award Bid for Furnishing Electric Power Transformers at MPS' Northeast Substation
- C. *Resolution to Award Bid for Furnishing 115 kV Breakers at MPS' Northeast Substation

15. Parks and Recreation Department

16. Police Department

- A. Back to School Traffic Safety Plan

Police Chief Chris Helmick shared information on a proposed citywide traffic safety day on the first day of school named in honor of Adam Amin.

17. Public Works

18. Administration

- A. Resolution to Approve and Accept Offer of Sale of General Obligation Temporary Improvement Bonds, Series 2025A

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson.
For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

- B. Resolution to Approve and Accept Offer of Sale of General Obligation Improvement and Wastewater Refunding Bonds Series 2025B

Motion to Approve made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.
For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

- C. *Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-08: An Ordinance Granting a Fiber Optic Franchise to Gateway Infrastructure, LLC
- D. *Resolution to Approve Title and Summary of Ordinance 2025-08
- E. *Resolution to Approve a Franchise Agreement for the Use of Public Right-Of-Way for Fiber Optic Infrastructure with Gateway Infrastructure, LLC

F. Discuss Aerial Spraying as a means of Vector Control

Mayor Carlson spoke about citizen engagement and asked the City Council how it wants to proceed with existing City policy related to aerial spraying mosquitoes.

A request was made by Council Member Mattson to have staff explore options for testing resistance of insecticide in mosquitoes in our area.

Motion to Re-instate the current policy that was previously "paused" made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Emily Moore.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Hendrickson attended the Midwest Technology Summit. Council Member Hendrickson also shared his condolences for Nancy Edmonds Hanson, family and friends on the passing of Russ Hanson.

Council Member Nesemeier mentioned an upcoming Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting. Council Member Nesemeier shared details on upcoming events for Greater Moorhead Days. Council Member Nesemeier mentioned the Moorhead Global Market is taking place on August 26 in conjunction with the Moorhead Farmers Market. Council Member Nesemeier also participated in the Indigenous Picnic.

Council Member Mattson shared information on an Open House hosted by Moorhead Community Access Media.

Council Member Moore attended a Lake Agassiz Regional Library board meeting. Council Member Moore met with Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership about services and support in the region.

Mayor Shelly Carlson participated in 19 meetings and events since the last City Council meeting. Mayor Carlson met with the Kurdistan Center of Minnesota. Mayor Carlson mentioned the Employee Appreciation Picnic and expressed thanks to City employees for all they do. Mayor Carlson spoke at the Teiken Academy at Moorhead High School. Mayor Carlson attended a League of Minnesota Cities board meeting and was a judge at the first Ms. Africa North Dakota and Clay County pageant. Mayor Carlson participated in Hands for Change at Concordia College and welcomed new students. Mayor Carlson attended an event at Luther Family Ford and expressed her gratitude to Officer Shawn Griego who was selected as Law Enforcement Officer of the Month. Chief Helmick and Mayor Carlson also spoke on Minnesota Public Radio about Moorhead.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli thanked Council members and staff for participating in the Employee Appreciation Picnic.

21. Executive Session

- A. Closed Executive Session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3c(3), for the purpose of developing the sale price for the real property described as all or a portion of Parcel Number 58.900.1505 owned by the City of Moorhead and providing staff and the City Attorney negotiation direction regarding the potential sale of all or a portion of Parcel Number 58.900.1505

Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:06pm made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Heather Nesemeier.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

- B. Closed Executive Session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3c(3), for the purpose of developing the sale price for the real property described as Parcel Numbers 58.575.1011 and 58.575.1050 owned by the City of Moorhead and providing staff and the City Attorney negotiation direction regarding the potential sale of Parcel Numbers 58.575.1011 and 58.575.1050

- C. Closed Executive Session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3c(3), for the purpose of developing the sale price for the real property described as Parcel Number 58.214.0010 owned by the City of Moorhead and providing staff and the City Attorney negotiation direction regarding the potential sale of Parcel Number 58.214.0010

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 7:35pm made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

22. New Business

23. Adjourn

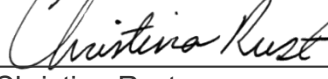
Meeting adjourned at 07:38 PM.

APPROVED BY:



Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Rust
City Clerk

proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.