



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
September 8, 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, Deb White, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Absent (2): Lisa Borgen, Shelly Carlson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

City Manager Mahli requested the Welcome Week Proclamation be read prior to the Moorhead police officer swearing-in to make time for family members and friends that were arriving.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

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, Deb White, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. Police Swearing In/Badge Pinning

Moorhead Police Chief Chris Helmick presented new police officers and badges were pinned. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Hendrickson conducted the swearing-in.

B. Proclamation: 2025 Welcoming Week

Council member McDougall read the 2025 Welcoming Week Proclamation.

C. Presentation: Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Dara Lee and Deputy Director Dawn Bacon presented information on the CCHRA's 2026 Special Benefit Tax.

6. Approve Minutes

A. August 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

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

A Moorhead resident addressed the City Council regarding mold issues in rental properties.

A Moorhead resident challenged the City Council regarding the reading of a Land Acknowledgment at the beginning of each meeting.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing to Consider 2025 Border City Enterprise Zone Program

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Nicole Mattson. For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Derrick LaPoint shared information on Moorhead's 2025 Border City Enterprise Zone program. At the Moorhead Economic Development Authority meeting on August 4, 2025, the EDA unanimously recommended an increase to the credit amount for the program year 2025 to 2026.

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

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

B. Resolution to Approve 2025 Border City Enterprise Zone Program

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Emily Moore.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

10. Community Development Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Grant Agreement with MN Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics for Maintenance and Operations - Moorhead Municipal Airport Florence Klingensmith Field
- B. *Consider Actions Relating to Projects at the Moorhead Municipal Airport - Florence Klingensmith Field
- C. *Resolution to Approve Task Order with Mead and Hunt for the PAPI Replacement Project Phase I
- D. *Resolution to Approve Agreement with the US Federal Aviation Administration for the PAPI Replacement Project Phase I

11. Economic Development

- A. Resolution to Approve an Option Agreement for DG Fuels for City-owned Real Property described as all or a portion of 2900 50 St S (58.900.1505)

Derrick LaPoint shared information on an option to purchase agreement from DG Fuels in support of a proposed Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) facility in Moorhead.

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

- B. *Resolution to Approve the Sale of City-owned Land located at 2200 8 Ave N (58.214.0010) to Nygaard Nursery LLC

12. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Reject Bids for Underground Utility Improvements for Partridge Creek 1st Addition (Eng. No. 25-A6-03)

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

15. Parks and Recreation Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #25-026 to Replace Rope on the Hjemkomst Ship

16. Police Department

17. Public Works

18. Administration

- A. Resolution to Approve Consent to the Clay County Housing and Redevelopment Authority 2026 Special Benefit Tax
Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White.
For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson
Against 0: None
Abstain/Recuse 0: None
Motion Passed
- B. *Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Kwik Trip, Inc
- C. *Resolution to Approve a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premise Permit for Moorhead Youth Hockey Association

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Nesemeier thanked participants, organizers, and attendees of the Greater Moorhead Days Parade and Inclusive Moorhead social event afterward. Council Member Nesemeier also shared appreciation for people who attended the Wings & Wheels Fly-in and Car Show. Council Member Nesemeier shared an update from the Clay County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and stated Take Back Jack pumpkin composting program is planned and underway. Council Member Nesemeier mentioned that there is a Cass Clay Food Commission meeting in September. Council Member Nesemeier also invited the public to attend the Longest Table event at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead on September 18.

Council Member Moore shared an update from the Park Advisory Board meeting on August 28. Council Member Moore also recognized Eagle Scout Ronan John for the presentation on his life-sized chess set in Davy Memorial Park. Council Member Moore shared an update from the Moorhead Economic Development Authority meeting as well as appreciation to David Heyer and James Whirlwind Soldier from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for their presentation.

Council Member Ryan Nelson updated the City Council on a Red River Regional Dispatch Board meeting. Council Member Nelson recognized and thanked the five new police officers that were sworn-in earlier in the evening.

Council Member White provided an update from the MATBUS Coordination Committee.

Council Member Hendrickson attended a Red River Basin Commission meeting. Council Members Hendrickson and McDougal also attended the American Red Cross' Battle of the Cities and the Battle of the Badges blood drive recognition event in which the City of Moorhead and Fire and Police Departments received top honors.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli thanked everyone who participated and assisted in Greater Moorhead Days.

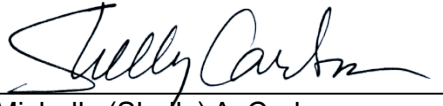
21. Executive Session

22. New Business

23. Adjourn

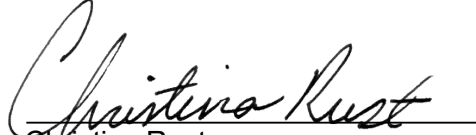
Meeting adjourned at 06:26 PM.

APPROVED BY:

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Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Rust", written over a horizontal line.

Christina Rust
City Clerk

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