



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
December 8, 2025 - 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 - 5:40pm

Absent (0):

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. Moorhead Human Rights Awards

Representatives from the Human Rights Commission presented the 2025 Human Rights Awards to the following individuals:

Non-Profit Category:

Kavitha Gundala - Assistant Director of Housing and Operations at Jeremiah Program Campuses.

Michelle Webber - Pastor at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Moorhead.

Education Category:

Erienne Fawcett - Coordinator of Gender and Sexuality at Minnesota State University Moorhead's Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Tyler Strand - Social Worker at Minnesota State Community and Technical College (MState) Moorhead.

B. Swearing-In and Badge Pinning for Moorhead Police Officers

Moorhead Police Chief Chris Helmick presented new police officers in the department. Family members and friends pinned badges and Mayor Carlson conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

C. 6:00pm - Truth-In-Taxation Public Comment Opportunity after Presentation of the Proposed 2026 Budget and Tax Levy

Finance Director Jenica Flanagan presented the City of Moorhead and Moorhead Economic Development Authority's proposed 2026 budget and tax levy. Two Moorhead residents addressed the City Council regarding the proposed budget.

6. Approve Minutes

A. November 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson 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

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

A. Resolution to Approve Mayoral Appointments to Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Motion to Approve made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Emily Moore.
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 Council Member Appointments to Committees, Boards, and Commissions

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

10. Community Development Department

A. *Resolution to Approve Agreement with MnDOT Office of Aeronautics - Fuel tank/pumps replacement project design at Moorhead Municipal Airport Florence Klingensmith Field

B. *Resolution to Approve Preliminary & Final Plat relating to Prairie Parkway 3rd Addition

C. *Resolution to Approve Developer's Agreement for Prairie Parkway 3rd Addition

11. Economic Development

A. *Resolution to Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with The Luminaire for Entrepreneurial Support Services related to the Spark Center for Entrepreneurship

12. Engineering Department

A. *Resolution to Award Bid for the 1 Ave N Floodwall Project (Eng. No. 18-13-08D)

B. *Resolution to Order Reports for 2026 Street Improvement Projects (Eng. No. 26-A2-01, 26-A2-02, 26-A2-03, 26-A2-04, 26-A2-05)

C. *Resolution to Approve a Wetland Credit Purchase Agreement for the Bluestem Pedestrian Bridge Project (Eng. No. 22-13-04)

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

15. Parks and Recreation Department

- A. *Resolution to Accept Funding for Matson Field Grandstand Project and Enter into Agreement for Naming Rights of the Monument Stadium Sign

16. Police Department

17. Public Works

- A. *Resolution to Approve Wading Pool Rehabilitation Proposal and Budget Adjustment #25-040

18. Administration

- A. Resolution to Approve the City of Moorhead 2026 Tax Levy, Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Motion to Approve made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson.
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 the Moorhead Economic Development Authority 2026 Tax Levy and Budget

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson 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

- C. *Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-12: An Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Fee Schedule

- D. *Resolution to Approve Title & Summary for Ordinance 2025-12

- E. *Resolution to Solicit Bids and Approve Award of Contract Bulk Fuel

- F. *Resolution to Authorize Execution of League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) Liability Coverage Waiver Form (Statutory Tort Liability Limits)

- G. *Resolution to Approve Pledge and Naming Rights Agreements for Donors to The Loop | Moorhead Public Library & Community Center

- H. *Resolution to Designate 2026 Election Polling Locations

- I. *Resolution to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Metro Senior Ride - Fargo Park Board, Valley Senior Services – 2026

- J. *Resolution to Approve a Contract with the City of Dilworth for 2026 Transit Service

K. Request from Council members White and Mattson to Approve a Resolution in Support of Moorhead Immigrant and Refugee Communities

Council members White and Mattson requested the City Council pass a resolution in support of immigrant and refugee communities in Moorhead. Residents addressed the City Council in support of the resolution.

Motion to Approve made by Deb White 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

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Nesemeier invited members of the public to attend upcoming Moorhead Public Housing, Clay County Solid Waste, and Clay County Extension Committee meetings. Council Member Nesemeier encouraged Giving Tree donations at Riverview Heights and Moorhead Public Library locations. Council Member Nesemeier also expressed appreciation to newly sworn officers and their family members and friends.

Mayor Carlson attended the Holiday Tree Lighting and thanked all who helped set up and manage the event and Global Market at the Hjemkomst Center. Mayor Carlson thanked MATBUS and employees for decorating the bus used in the Holiday Lights Parade. Mayor Carlson shared appreciation to Slumberland for donating mattresses to families in need in the FM area as well as everyone who makes the annual event possible.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli stated City Hall is closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day and expressed appreciation to essential and shift employees who work every day of the year and on holidays.

21. Executive Session

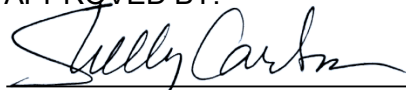
- A. Closed Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3 (a) for the purpose of performing the City Managers annual performance evaluation

22. New Business

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

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.