



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
January 26, 2026 - 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

Present Not Voting (1): Shelly Carlson

Absent (0):

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

Council Members Mattson and Moore asked to add a statement on federal law enforcement activity in Minnesota to the New Business section of the agenda.

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

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier 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

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. Recognitions: Employee Years of Service

Mayor Carlson presented City of Moorhead staff members with Years of Service recognitions.

6. Approve Minutes

A. January 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Nicole Mattson 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

7. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)
8. Mayor and Council Appointments
 - A. *Resolution for Appointments to Boards and Committees
9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)
10. Community Development Department
 - A. *Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision - Parcel 21.042.0400
11. Economic Development
12. Engineering Department
 - A. *Resolution to Approve Amendment #2 to Task Order 24-12 for the Bluestem Pedestrian Bridge Project (Eng. No. 22-13-04)
 - B. *Resolution to Approve Change Order #1 for the Citywide Striping Project (Eng. No. 25-13-01)
13. Fire Department
14. Moorhead Public Service
 - A. *Resolution to Award Bid for 2026 Water Distribution Pipe and Fittings
15. Parks and Recreation Department
 - A. *Resolution to Approve an Agreement with First Avenue Promotions for Screen Printing and Apparel Services
 - B. *Resolution to Approve 2026 "Boiler Plate" Agreement and the *2026 Athletic Use Guide* for Routine Leasing of Facilities within the Parks and Recreation Department
16. Police Department
 - A. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #26-004 to Transfer Funds to Support the Purchase of Targeted Technology Equipment
17. Public Works
18. Administration
 - A. Resolution Authorizing the lease, continuing disclosure undertaking, related bond documents and requesting the Moorhead Economic Development Authority to issue the Series 2026A Bonds

Chris Hogan, Director with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, presented bond documents requesting the Moorhead Economic Development Authority to issue the Series 2026A Bonds. The bond issue is structured to serve a repayment term of 20 years of

essential level debt service. In the agreement, there will be a sublease with Moorhead Public Service in which MPS pays \$250,000 annually for 20 years with City of Moorhead property tax levy paying the remaining balance.

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier 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 Moorhead's 2026 Minnesota Legislative Priorities

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode shared the proposed 2026 Minnesota Legislative priorities. Council member White requested updating the resolution from referring to the "Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center" to "Non-Secured Juvenile Expansion."

Motion to Approve as Amended made by Deb White and seconded by Heather Nesemeier.

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. *Resolution to Approve Support of Passenger Rail Service from the Twin Cities to Fargo/Moorhead

D. *Resolution to Approve 2026 Tax Increment Interfund Loan

E. *Resolution to Accept 2025 Donations

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Nesemeier shared information on an upcoming Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

Council Member Moore attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library board meeting and invited the public to "Turning the Page: Moorhead Public Library Building Farewell" on Feb. 5 from 2:00-7:00 pm at the current library building.

Council Member Borgen attended the community open house for 40 Ave S improvements and thanked Moorhead's Engineering Department and citywide team.

Mayor Carlson attended and spoke at several meetings, including the Moorhead Business Association, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities board meeting, League of Minnesota Cities board meeting, and Diversion finance and board meetings. Mayor Carlson also spoke at a news conference held by the Metro Flood Diversion Authority.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli recognized and thanked people and families that attended the community open house and public engagement activities for improving 40 Ave S. City Manager Mahli also mentioned Frostival and many outdoor winter activities that are underway in Moorhead.

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

Council members Mattson and Moore shared a statement on federal law enforcement in Minnesota. Members of the City Council shared thoughts and sentiments regarding the current state of affairs in Minnesota, particularly related to ICE and Border Patrol enforcement in the Minneapolis-St Paul metro.

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 06:24 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.