



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
February 23, 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 (0):

Absent (1): Shelly Carlson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

Council member Nesemeier requested discussion on local impacts related to ICE and Border Control be added as New Business on the agenda.

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

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 Lisa Borgen.

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. Presentation: City of Moorhead Communications Division

Communications Coordinator Kelly Kuntz presented an update on work being done in communications in Moorhead and across the metro area.

6. Approve Minutes

A. February 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Nicole Mattson and seconded by Deb White.

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)

Several Moorhead residents addressed the City Council regarding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities.

8. Mayor and Council Appointments

- A. *Resolution for Appointments to Boards and Committees

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

- A. Public Hearing on the Abatement of Property Taxes in the Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program

Motion to Open Public Hearing 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

Community Development Program Administrator Tanya Kunza shared information on the abatement of property taxes for the Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate program.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Deb White and seconded by Lisa Borgen.

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 Abate Property Taxes for the Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate Program

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier 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

10. Community Development Department

11. Economic Development

- A. *Resolution to Approve Publication of the 2026 Notice of Land Availability

12. Engineering Department

- A. Resolution to Receive Report, Order Plans & Specifications, and Call for a Public Hearing for 40th Ave S Mill & Overlay from 8th St to 20th St S (Eng. No. 26-A2-01)
Engineering Director Bob Zimmerman presented information and an update on outreach for public improvements on 40 Avenue South.

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Ryan Nelson.

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 Receive Report, Order Plans & Specifications, and Call for a Public Hearing for 17th St and 4th Ave N Street Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A2-03)
- C. *Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 18th St N, 21st St N, 53rd Ave N, 52nd Ave N, 51st Ave N, 49th Ave N, and Crystal Creek Dr Bituminous Mill & Overlay (Eng. No. 26-A2-02)
- D. *Resolution to Approve Amendment #1 to Task Order 23-04 with Bolton & Menk for the 40th Ave S Mill & Overlay from 8th St to 20th St (Eng. No. 26-A2-01)
- E. *Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 20th, 22nd, and 23rd Ave S and 6th & 7th St S Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A2-04)
- F. *Resolution to Receive Petitions and Order Report for Prairie Parkway 4th Addition Street and Underground Utility Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A6-04)

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

- A. *Resolution to Award Bid for Furnishing 115 kV IPO Breakers at MPS Northeast and Southeast Substations
- B. *Resolution to Approve Renewable Energy Certificates Designated Entity Contract No. 25-UPGR-73 with Western Area Power Administration
- C. *Resolution to Request the Mayor and Moorhead City Council to Approve Resolution of Applications for MPS' 2026 Water Division Projects
- D. *Resolution to Approve the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Application for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Emergency Replacement
- E. *Resolution to Approve the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Application for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Distribution Phase 4
- F. *Resolution to Approve the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Application for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement – Eighth Street South

15. Parks and Recreation Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Agreement with PepsiCo to be the Exclusive Beverage Provider

16. Police Department

17. Public Works

18. Administration

- A. *Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement to Provide Statewide Affordable Housing Aid to Youthworks

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Nesemeier shared information on upcoming Moorhead Public Housing and Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings.

Council Member Moore attended a Park Advisory Board workshop and highlighted accomplishments in Moorhead parks. Council member Moore also attended Moorhead Public Library and Lake Agassiz Regional Library board meetings and provided an update on schedule for the move into the new library.

Council Member Hendrickson shared that Luther Family Ford's Salute to Law Enforcement honored Moorhead School Resource Office Andy Werk earlier in the day.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli thanked Officer Andy Werk who was in the room for his service and much-deserved recognition. City Manager Mahli mentioned part-time temporary summer positions in Moorhead are open and encouraged residents to apply.

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

Council member Nesemeier asked for an update on the Mayor's plan to convene an ad hoc group to discuss federal ICE activities. Council members White, Mattson, and Moore also spoke about the issue of immigration enforcement in cities.

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

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.