



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
March 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 (1): Shelly Carlson

Absent (0):

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

Request from Council member White to remove Item 16D from the Consent Agenda and request from Council members Nesemeier and White to add response to Federal immigration enforcement to New Business.

Motion to Approve Amended Agenda 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

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. MoorHeart Recognition: Austin Fellman

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart Award to Austin Fellman for his leadership and service with Special Olympics at Concordia College.

B. Swearing In of Sergeant Jonathan Hanson

Moorhead Police Chief Chris Helmick introduced Jonathan Hanson who was recently promoted to Sergeant. Mayor Carlson conducted the swearing-in.

C. Proclamation: Kurdish Heritage Month

Mayor Carlson presented a proclamation for Kurdish Heritage Month.

D. Presentation: PartnerSHIP 4 Health - Growing Our Regional Food Leadership

Clay County Health Planner Patrick Hollister shared information on PartnerSHIP 4 Health, Growing Our Regional Food Leadership: A Community Conversation event taking place at five regional locations on Tuesday, April 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. In Moorhead, the gathering is being hosted at the Family Service Center, 715 11 St N, Room 8.

E. Presentation: Age Friendly Moorhead

Presenters shared information on Age Friendly Moorhead. The public is invited to attend the next meeting at the Moorhead Public Library on May 12 at 4:00 p.m.

6. Approve Minutes

A. March 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Sebastian McDougall 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

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

A Moorhead resident addressed the City Council regarding vector control.

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing for Final Bituminous Wear Course in Prairie Parkway 1st, Prairie Meadows 7th, and Village Green 7th Additions (Eng. No. 26-A2-05)

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

Assistant City Engineer Clay Lexen presented information on the proposed improvements in Prairie Parkway 1st, Prairie Meadows 7th, and Village Green 7th Additions (Eng. No. 26-A2-05)

Motion to Close Public Hearing 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

B. Resolution to Order Improvements and Declare Official Intent for Eng. No. 26-A2-05 & Eng. No. 26-13-01

Motion to Approve 9B. & 9C. made by Ryan Nelson 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

C. Resolution to Award Bid for Eng. No. 26-A2-05

- D. Public Hearing for 18 St N, 21st St N, 53rd Ave N, 52 Ave N, 51st Ave N, 49 Ave N, and Crystal Creek Dr Bituminous Mill & Overlay (Eng. No. 26-A2-02)

Motion to Open Public Hearing 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

Assistant City Engineer Clay Lexen presented information on the proposed improvements for 18 St N, 21st St N, 53rd Ave N, 52 Ave N, 51st Ave N, 49 Ave N, and Crystal Creek Dr Bituminous Mill & Overlay (Eng. No. 26-A2-02).

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Lisa Borgen 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

- E. Resolution to Order Improvements and Declare Official Intent for Eng. No. 26-A2-02

Motion to Approve 9E. & 9F. 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

- F. Resolution to Award Bid for Eng. No. 26-A2-02

- G. Public Hearing for Partridge Creek Addition Street & Underground Utility Improvements, Stormwater Pond, and 28 St Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A6-03)

Motion to Open Public Hearing 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

Assistant City Engineer Clay Lexen presented information on the proposed improvements for Partridge Creek Addition Street & Underground Utility Improvements, Stormwater Pond, and 28 St. Improvements (Eng. No. 25-A6-03).

Motion to Close Public Hearing 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

- H. Resolution to Receive Petitions and Approve Special Assessment Agreement for Eng. No. 25-A6-03

Motion to Approve 9H., 9I. & 9J. made by Sebastian McDougall 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

- I. Resolution to Order Improvements and Declare Official Intent for Eng. No. 25-A6-03 & Eng. No. 22-13-04
- J. Resolution to Award Bid for Eng. No. 25-A6-03

10. Community Development Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision — 4151 & 4301 28th Ave S - Parcels 58.900.2865 & 58.900.2855

11. Economic Development

12. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Award Bid for the 2026 Wastewater Treatment Facility Roof Replacement Project, Phase 5 (Eng. No. 26-06-03)
- B. *Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 40th Ave S Mill & Overlay from 8 St to 20 St (Eng. No. 26-A2-01)
- C. *Resolution to Approve Temporary Easements for Temporary Construction Access for Center Avenue from 8th St to 10th St (Eng. No. 25-02-01)

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

15. Parks and Recreation Department

16. Police Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve the Joint Powers Agreement – Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Renewal
- B. *Resolution to Approve Joint Powers Agreement – Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force (MNHITF)
- C. *Resolution to Approve Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force
- D. *Resolution to Approve Declaration of Surplus Equipment – Police Department Handguns, Holsters, and Weapon Lights and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus

Chief Helmick shared information on the sale of surplus equipment used by the Police Department. Council member White requested removing "or auction" from the proposed resolution. Discussion took place regarding removing the ability to sell holsters and weapon lights.

Motion to Approve with the omission of the words "or auction" in the resolution made by Deb White and seconded by Nicole Mattson.
For 4: Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White

Against 4: Ryan Nelson, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson
Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Failed

Motion to Approve resolution as originally presented made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Ryan Nelson.

For 6: Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Ryan Nelson, Chuck Hendrickson, Sebastian McDougall, Lisa Borgen

Against 2: Nicole Mattson, Deb White

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

17. Public Works

18. Administration

A. *Resolution to Approve Labor Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Moorhead and Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local 610 - Battalion Chiefs

B. *Resolution to Approve the Consumption of Beer on the Premises of the Moorhead Youth Hockey Arena on April 3 & 4, 2026

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Nesemeier highlighted work of the Cass Clay Food Commission. CM Nesemeier invited the public to the next Public Housing Agency meeting and shared information on upcoming Earth Day, Woman's History Month, and Moorhead Global Market events.

Council member White attended the Red River Recovery Initiative and MATBUS Coordinating Committee meetings. CM White also volunteered at the St. Patrick's Day 5k & 10k races and recognized Hope Inc for another series of successful Hockey for Hope events.

Council member Borgen attended a meeting of Moorhead Public Service and Minnesota DNR regarding aquifer levels and Moorhead's water supply. CM Borgen reported on Legislative Work Group activities and visits in March, along with attending the Chamber's Moorhead Area Day at the Capitol and the League of MN Cities' Day on the Hill in St Paul.

Council member Nelson shared the Legislative Workgroup is also attending the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Action Day on March 25 and congratulated Sergeant John Hanson on his promotion to Sergeant in the Moorhead Police Department.

Council member Mattson attended the Metropolitan Council of Governments Policy Board meeting.

Mayor Carlson spoke about Legislative Workgroup activities in St Paul. Mayor Carlson attended the League of Minnesota Cities Board meeting, a lighting ceremony for Eid, and also participated on a sled hockey team with City Council, staff, and family members in a Hockey for Hope game.

20. City Manager Reports

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

Council member Nesemeier stated she wanted to follow up on a question from the last City Council meeting regarding the Mayor's Ad Hoc Group on Federal Immigration Enforcement being subject to MN open meeting laws. CM Nesemeier shared the legal team determined the meetings are not subject to open meeting laws and are not required to be public.

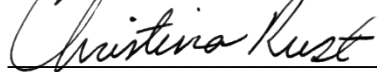
23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 07:33 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.