



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.  
April 13, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (6): Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Present Not Voting (1): Shelly Carlson

Absent (2): Emily Moore, Deb White

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

Request to move items 9B and 9E to the April 27, 2026 City Council meeting due to a lack of votes required to pass the resolutions. Request by Council members Nesemeier and Mattson to discuss a Federal separation policy under New Business.

Motion to Approve with the addition of both items made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Nicole Mattson.

For 2: Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier

Against 4: Ryan Nelson, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Failed**

Motion to Approve moving items 9B and 9E to the April 27, 2026 City Council meeting made by Lisa Borgen and seconded by Ryan Nelson.

For 5: Ryan Nelson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 1: Nicole Mattson

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson.

For 6: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Pete Karl & Joey Schmit

Moorhead Parks Director Sean Brandenburg presented the MoorHeart Award to Pete Karl & Joey Schmit for their dedication, expertise, and volunteer service to the redesign and revitalization of the Woodlawn Disc Golf Course.

B. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month, Council Member McDougall

Council member McDougall presented the Proclamation for Fair Housing Month.

- C. Update: Mayor's Ad Hoc Group on Federal Immigration Enforcement, Mayor Carlson  
Mayor Carlson shared an update on the Mayor's Ad Hoc Group on Federal Immigration Enforcement. Discussion took place about the Ad Hoc group and actions.

6. Approve Minutes

A. March 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Lisa Borgen.  
For 6: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

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

Six Moorhead residents addressed the City Council. One regarding accessibility at the Library Community Center and five residents spoke about Federal immigration enforcement and control activities and concerns.

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing for 17th St and 4th Ave N Street Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A2-03)

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Lisa Borgen.

For 6: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

Assistant City Engineer Clay Lexen presented information on proposed improvements for 17 St and 4 Ave N. Voting on items 9B and 9C was held over to the April 29 City Council meeting.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Nicole Mattson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier.

For 6: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

Motion to Table 9 C. & F. to the April 27, 2026 meeting made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Lisa Borgen.

For 6: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

- B. Resolution to Order Improvement and Declare Official Intent (Eng. No. 26-A2-03)
- C. Resolution to Award Bid for 17th St and 4th Ave N Street Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A2-03)
- D. Public Hearing for 20th, 22nd, and 23rd Ave S and 6th and 7th St S Underground Utility & Street Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A2-04)

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

For 6: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

Assistant City Engineer Clay Lexen presented information on proposed underground utility improvements at 20, 22 and 23 Ave S and 6 and 7 Streets. Voting on Items 9E and 9F was held over to the April 27 City Council meeting.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Sebastian McDougall.

For 6: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion Passed**

- E. Resolution to Order Improvement and Declare Official Intent (Eng. No. 26-A2-04)
- F. Resolution to Award Bid (Eng. No. 26-A2-04)

#### 10. Community Development Department

- A. \*Resolution to Approve Conditional Use Permit for Dynamic Display Sign at 1900 28th Ave S
- B. \*Resolution to Approve Vacation of 41st Ave S Right of Way and Easements within Prairie Parkway 2nd Addition

#### 11. Economic Development

#### 12. Engineering Department

- A. \*Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute a Master Services Agreement for Engineering Consultation Services with WHKS & Co.
- B. \*Resolution to Award Bid for the 2026 Citywide Striping Project (Eng. No. 26-13-03)
- C. \*Resolution to Receive Petitions and Approve Special Assessment Agreement for Prairie Parkway 3rd Addition Street & Utility Improvements (Eng. No. 26-A6-02)
- D. \*Resolution to Order Improvements and Declare Official Intent (Eng. No. 26-A6-02 and Eng. No. 26-05-01)
- E. \*Resolution to Award Bid for Prairie Parkway 3rd Addition & Utility Improvements Eng. No. 26-A6-02

- F. \*Resolution to Award Bid for Stormwater Resilience Improvement Project, Phase 1 (Eng. No. 26-05-01)

13. Fire Department

- A. \*Resolution to Enter into a Joint Cooperative Agreement between the City of Moorhead, Minnesota and West Fargo Rural Fire Department, Inc. (WFRFD)

14. Moorhead Public Service

15. Parks and Recreation Department

16. Police Department

17. Public Works

18. Administration

- A. \*Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement for use of Statewide Affordable Housing Aid to Lakes and Prairies Community Action
- B. \*Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement for use of Statewide Affordable Housing Aid to Cass Clay Community Land Trust
- C. \*Resolution to Approve Amendment No 2.to the Project Partnership Agreement between USACE, the City of Fargo, the City of Moorhead and the Metro Flood Diversion Authority

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council members Nelsons and Borgen, Mayor Carlson, Lisa Bode, and Dan Mahli attended the Coalition for Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Day on the Hill in St Paul. Council Member Borgen shared updates from the CGMC's legislative meetings. CM Borgen attended the Global Intelligence Friendship event at MSUM as well as a major food drop-off at the Great Plains Food Bank.

Council Member Nesemeier stated the Library ribbon cutting is Saturday, April 18, as well as Folkways' Red River Market at Concordia. CM Nesemeier shared details about a grand opening celebration and open house for a new Growing Together community garden at Concordia.

Mayor Carlson participated in a United Way awards luncheon with metro area mayors. The Mayor also attended the Grand Gedeh Association coronation, helped judge the Horizon West Talent Show, attended the Chamber of Commerce's Women Connect event, and read a proclamation for MSUM Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

Mayor Carlson also interviewed with Prairie Pulse, attended the M-State Moorhead President's lunch, took part in Metro Flood Diversion meetings, appeared with City Manager Mahli on KFGO's It Takes 2 with Amy & JJ, and attended the Global Intelligence Friendship event at MSUM.

Mayor Carlson stated Telecommunications Week is April 12-18 and congratulated Detective Brad Stuvland on his retirement after years of great service in Moorhead and the region. Mayor Carlson stated this is the first time in over 50 years that a Stuvland is not working in the Moorhead Police Department, as Brad's dad also worked in the department for many years.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli invited everyone to the ribbon cutting at the new Library Community Center on April 18 at 9:45am. Dan Mahli shared information on Severe Weather Week, Earth Week, and Restore Moorhead initiatives. Dan Mahli also provided information on Moorhead's 2026 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and an upcoming public input meeting.

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 06:55 PM.

APPROVED BY:

  
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MICHELLE (SHELLY) A. CARLSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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CHRISTINA RUST, City Clerk

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