



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
May 11, 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

4. Consent Agenda

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

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Moorhead Spudnik Robotics Team

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart Award to the Moorhead Spudnik Robotics team for its efforts to ensure that fellow a Moorhead student could participate in classes by building a digital hand.

B. Check Presentation: Friends of the Moorhead Library

Friends of the Moorhead Library members Jeanne Aske and Karen Jacowitz presented a check for \$22,000.

C. Presentation: Class of 2026 Citizens Government Academy

Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz recognized participants in Moorhead's 2026 Citizens Government Academy. Mayor Carlson presented certificates of graduation.

D. Update: Mayor's Ad Hoc Group on Federal Immigration Enforcement

Mayor Carlson shared an update on the Mayor's ad hoc group on federal immigration control and enforcement. Discussion took place.

6. Approve Minutes

A. April 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve 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

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

Four Moorhead residents addressed the City Council regarding federal immigration enforcement activities and support for a federal separation ordinance.

8. Mayor and Council Appointments

A. *Resolutions for Appointments to Boards and Committees

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing for 40th Ave S Mill & Overlay from 8th St to 20th St (Eng. No. 26-A2-01)

Motion to Open Public Hearing 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

City Engineer Tom Trowbridge presented the proposed transportation improvement project for 40 Ave. S. The work involves a Mill & Overlay from 8 St to 20th St. Three Moorhead residents expressed opposition to a proposed roundabout, one resident spoke in favor, and one resident asked about the train crossing east of 20 Ave S.

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

B. Resolution to Order Improvement and Declare Official Intent for 40th Ave S Mill & Overlay from 8th St to 20th St (Eng. No. 26-A2-01)

Motion to Approve 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

C. Resolution to Award Bid for 40th Ave S Mill & Overlay from 8th St to 20th St (Eng. No. 26-A2-01)

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson 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

10. Community Development Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Conditional Use Permit for excavation, fill and construction of a Floodwall in the Floodway and Flood Fringe at Riverfront and WH Davy-Memorial Parks
- B. *First Reading of Ordinance 2026-01: An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map Rezoning Industrial Parcels and to Amend and Reenact Title 10, Chapter 15B, MU-2: Neighborhood Mixed Use and Chapter 18, Use Regulations

11. Economic Development

12. Engineering Department

13. Fire Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #26-018 for Purchase of Two (2) Fire Engines

14. Moorhead Public Service

- A. *Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 17-UGPR-45 with Western Area Power Administration

15. Parks and Recreation Department

16. Police Department

- A. *Resolution Declaring Outdated Tasers and Accessories as Surplus Equipment and Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment for Law Enforcement Use Only

17. Public Works

- A. *Resolution to Accept MNDNR ReLeaf Community Forestry Grant

18. Administration

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Lisa Borgen attended a community breakfast hosted by Sanford. CM Borgen also attended the Diversion Authority's project partnership agreement ceremony and signing.

Council Member Heather Nesemeier shared information on National Police Week, Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, and the Cass Clay Food Commission.

Council Member Emily Moore shared information about the Moorhead Board of Appeal and Equalization and Moorhead Economic Development Authority.

Mayor Shelly Carlson shared information about financing received by the FM Diversion Authority and attended events related to National Music Week.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli shared information on Moorhead Clean-Up Days. Mr. Mahli stated the next regular City Council meeting is Tuesday, May 26 due to City offices being closed on Memorial Day. City Manager Mahli also mentioned the next Reforest

the Red event is scheduled on Tuesday, May 19 from noon to 4:00 at Riverfront Park Moorhead and activities for Arbor Day are scheduled at Woodlawn Park on May 21.

Dan Mahli also thanked Moorhead Police Office Manager Sandy Timian on being honored with the 2026 Minnesota Association of Women in Police Excellence in Service Award. Sandy has served the Moorhead PD for 31 years and is retiring at the end of May. Throughout Sandy's career, she has been a steady source of knowledge and most recently provided invaluable support and guidance during the PD's transition in leadership. City Manager Mahli also thanked all who serve in public safety professions on this National Police Week.

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

A. Discussion regarding development of a Federal Separation Policy/Ordinance

Council members Mattson and Nesemeier spoke about the need to develop a federal separation ordinance or policy and noted they have requested discussion on the subject previously. Discussion occurred.

Motion to close discussion and not have staff research a separation ordinance made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson. Discussion occurred.

Council Member Borgen called the question and the Mayor recognized Council Member Borgen's request.

For 5: Ryan Nelson, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson, Shelly Carlson

Against 4: Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

The City Council proceeded to vote on the main motion made by Council Member Nelson.

Motion to close discussion and not have staff research a separation ordinance made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson.

For 5: Ryan Nelson, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson, Shelly Carlson

Against 4: Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 08:28 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.