



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
May 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 (5:32pm)

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 Sebastian McDougall.

For 7: Ryan Nelson, Nicole Mattson, Heather Nesemeier, Emily Moore, Deb White, Lisa Borgen, Sebastian McDougall

Against 0: None

Absent 1: Chuck Hendrickson

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

5. Recognitions/Presentations

A. Presentation: Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Laura Forde, Executive Director

Laura Forde Executive Director of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County presented the HCSCC's 2025 Annual Report.

B. Presentation: Legislative Update, Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented an update from the State of Minnesota's 2026 legislative session.

6. Approve Minutes

A. May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson 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)

8. Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2026 Plan and Amendments to the 5-Year Plan and Program Year (PY) 2024 Plan

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 presented information on Moorhead's 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) annual action plan and amendments to the 5-year plan. A Moorhead resident spoke in favor of the CDBG program and funding recommendations.

Motion to Close 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

10. Community Development Department

A. *Consider Actions Relating to the Moorhead Airport - Florence Klingensmith Field Snow Removal Equipment Procurement

B. *Resolution to Approve Agreement with MNDOT Office of Aeronautics

C. *Resolution to Approve Agreement with US Federal Aviation Administration

D. *Resolution to Award Bid and Approve Agreement with RDO John Deere

E. *Resolution to Approve Hangar Land Lease Agreement - Moorhead Airport Florence Klingensmith Field

F. *Resolution to Approve Agreements Relating to 2026 Community Garden Grants

G. *Second 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

H. *Resolution to Approve Title & Summary for Ordinance 2026-01

I. *Resolution to Approve Re-establishment of a Non-Conforming Zoning Use at 1418 21st Ave S

11. Economic Development

12. Engineering Department

- A. *Resolution to Authorize Easement Agreement for the Stormwater Resilience Improvement Project, Phase 1 (Eng. No. 26-05-01)
- B. *Resolution to Approve MnDOT Agreement No. 1063220 for Federal Participation in an LED Lighting Project (Eng. No. 26-13-02)
- C. *Resolution to Award Bid for Moorhead Center Mall Redevelopment – Phase 3 Street & Utility Improvements (Eng. No. 24-A6-02)
- D. *Resolution to Award the Bid for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Lining Improvements (Eng. No. 26-06-04)

13. Fire Department

14. Moorhead Public Service

15. Parks and Recreation Department

16. Police Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve the DataPilot Grant
- B. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #26-019 to Accept the 2026-2027 Pathway to Policing Grant

17. Public Works

18. Administration

19. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Nesemeier shared an update about the Cass Clay Food Commission, Moorhead Public Housing Agency, and invited the public to attend the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings. Council member Nesemeier also spoke about the opening of the Romkey pool and park in June.

Council Member Moore shared updates from the Park Advisory Board and invited the public to attend June openings of the Mattson ballfield and Romkey Park.

Council Member Nelson shared information from the Red River Regional Dispatch Center board and Finance Subcommittee meetings.

Council Member White attended the MATBUS meeting and shared appreciation to Jenica Flanagan and Megan Zahradka in Moorhead's finance office. CM White attended the FM Metro Fire Academy graduation and swearing-in ceremony. CM White participated in the Habitat for Humanity breakfast and thanked City Manager Dan Mahli and Dilworth City Administrator Peyton Mastera for hosting the table. CM

White attended a presentation by Age Friendly Minnesota and spoke about designating Moorhead as an Age Friendly community. CM White wished good luck to all runners participating in the Fargo Marathon.

Mayor Carlson shared updates from the Red River Regional Dispatch Center board meeting. Mayor Carlson also spoke at the FM Metro Fire Academy graduation ceremony and welcomed new firefighters.

20. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli stated it is Public Works Week and thanked crews in Sanitation, Streets, Park Maintenance, and Forestry for showing up, often early and in tough conditions, to make Moorhead clean, safe, and enjoyable. City Manager Mahli stated the Minnesota Legislature adjourned on May 18, and in the final moments, authorized a capital investment bill that includes \$10 million for flood mitigation in Moorhead and Clay County. Dan Mahhli mentioned the municipal pool and splash pad at Romkey Park opens June 4. A grand opening for the pool and park will occur later in June. Neighborhood Wading Pools open on June 1. The Moorhead Farmers Market opens on June 2, from 3:30-6:30 with live music from 4:00-6:00. Dan Mahli thanked Trinity Church for hosting the Farmers Market in its parking lot on 8 St and 2 Ave S this year.

21. Executive Session

22. New Business

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 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.