



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 2024 AT 5:30 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present: Council Member: Ryan Nelson

Council Member: Matthew Gilbertson

Council Member: Laura Caroon

Council Member: Deb White

Council Member: Sebastian McDougall

Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson

Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent: Council Member: Heather Nesemeier

Council Member: Larry Seljevoll

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

Item 12A was requested to be removed from the agenda.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 5; Nelson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevoll

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. Presentation: The Arts Partnership, Tania Blanich, Executive Director

Tania Blanich, Executive Director of The Arts Partnership, shared information on the Arts Partnership and its work to support and lift up the arts in the community.

B. Presentation: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center, Jenny Mongeau, Clay County Commissioner

Clay County Commissioner Jenny Mongeau spoke about the proposed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center in Clay County and the support needed to bring the resource and service to northwest Minnesota.

6. Approve Minutes

A. November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Sebastian McDougall

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevoid

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

8. *Mayor and Council Appointments

9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

A. Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Barry Bach on behalf of Fun & Games LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 1625 Main Ave SE (58.752.0020)

Motion to Open Public Hearing Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Barry Bach on behalf of Fun & Games LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 1625 Main Ave SE (58.752.0020) made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevoid

Economic Development Program Administrator Amy Thorpe shared the request of Fun & Games LLC for a property tax exemption located at 1625 Main Ave SE. An expansion of the business will allow the company to manufacture, fabricate, and clean inflatable games. In addition, there will be an indoor game area. A Moorhead resident asked for clarification about the length of exemption, which is 3 years and an estimated value of \$14,000.

Motion to Close Public Hearing Public Hearing Regarding the Request of Barry Bach on behalf of Fun & Games LLC for a Property Tax Exemption for a Project located at 1625 Main Ave SE (58.752.0020) made by Deb White and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevold

- B. Resolution to Approve a Property Tax Exemption for Fun & Games LLC to construct a Project located at 1625 Main Ave (58.752.0020)

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve a Property Tax Exemption for Fun & Games LLC to construct a Project located at 1625 Main Ave (58.752.0020) made by Deb White and seconded by Ryan Nelson

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevold

- C. Public Hearing for an Ordinance Granting a Fiber Optic Franchise to Ubiquity LLC

Motion to Open Public Hearing Public Hearing for an Ordinance Granting a Fiber Optic Franchise to Ubiquity LLC made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Sebastian McDougall

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevold

Motion to Close Public Hearing Public Hearing for an Ordinance Granting a Fiber Optic Franchise to Ubiquity LLC made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Ryan Nelson Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevold

Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz presented an ordinance to grant a fiber optic franchise to Ubiquity LLC. The business will place fiber optic infrastructure in Moorhead and use the public right of way.

- D. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-13: An Ordinance to Grant a Fiber Optic Franchise to Ubiquity, LLC

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2024-13: An Ordinance to Grant a Fiber Optic Franchise to Ubiquity, LLC made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson
Against: 0;
Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevoid

10. Community Development Department

A. *Resolution to Approve Minor Subdivision – 2605 8th St S – Parcel 58.100.0660

11. Public Works

A. *Resolution to Approve Agreement with MBA Development Company for Guaranteed Maximum Price on the Matson Field Stadium Project

12. Administration

A. *First Reading of Ordinance 2024-11: An Ordinance relating to Mayor and Council Member Compensation for 2025 and 2026

B. *Resolution to Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Valley Senior Services for 2025

C. *Resolution to Approve a Contract with the City of Dilworth for 2025 Transit Service

D. Resolution to Adopt 2025 City of Moorhead Legislative Priorities

Motion to Approve Resolution to Adopt 2025 City of Moorhead Legislative Priorities made by Ryan Nelson and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevoid

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented Moorhead's priorities for Minnesota's 2025 Legislative Session. The session convenes on January 14, 2025, in St. Paul. The City Council discussed including a resolution of support for the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center on the December 9 City Council meeting agenda.

E. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-12: An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Fee Schedule

Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2024-12: An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Fee Schedule made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Laura Caroon

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Gilbertson, Caroon, White, McDougall, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Nesemeier, Seljevoid

Finance Director Jenica Flanagan presented the City of Moorhead's proposed 2025 fee schedule.

13. Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Carlson thanked all attendees for the Churches United meeting from the area who joined the discussion regarding the need for their services within Moorhead. Ms. Carlson asked that we spread the word on the needs for financial donations or donations of time to keep the doors open. The mayor attended the Coalition for Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative conference and CCRI annual meal.

Council member White shared the holiday kick-off held at the Hjemkomst on December 3 at 5:00pm including a pop-up global market. Ms. White thanked all those for the work on the Pangea event.

14. City Manager Reports

City Manager Mahli stated a Holiday Kick-Off is happening on Tuesday, December 3 at the Hjemkomst Center from 5:00 to 7:00. There will be a tree lighting, treats, and music. In addition, the Holiday Kick-Off is also the debut of Moorhead's first Global Market at the Hjemkomst. The Global Market is a collaborative effort involving the Immigrant Development Center, Indigenous Association, Inclusive Moorhead, Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County, FMCT, and City of Moorhead. The market features crafts, food, and other items. The goal is for it to happen on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hjemkomst Center through March. The Holiday Lights Parade is also taking place on December 7, beginning at 6:30pm, on Center Avenue and 8th Street in Moorhead to the bridge across the river and finish on Broadway and 4th Avenue North.

15. Executive Session

16. New Business

17. Adjourn

6:29pm.

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.