



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2023 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: Heather Nesemeier
Council Member: Laura Caroon
Council Member: Deb White
Council Member: Larry Seljevold
Council Member: Steve Lindaas
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson
Mayor: Shelly Carlson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

Request to remove Item #14B from the consent agenda.

4. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Pastor Sue Koesterman

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode shared the MoorHeart recognition of Pastor Sue Koesterman, CEO of Churches United for the Homeless for her ministry, leadership, and living a life of faith in action in the community.

B. Presentation: Upstream Mitigation Area – Joel Paulsen, Executive Director Metro Flood Diversion Authority

Joel Paulsen, Executive Director of FM Metro Flood Diversion Authority, presented information on Upstream Mitigation Area programs and the Supplemental Crop Insurance Program.

5. Consent Agenda

*All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in accordance with the "Council Rules of Procedure". In such event, the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.*

Motion to Approve made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 0;

6. Approve Minutes
 - A. January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Deb White
Motion Passed
For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, Lindaas, Hendrickson
Against: 0;
Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 0:
7. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)

During "Citizens Addressing the Council", the Mayor will invite residents to share issues, concerns and opportunities. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Mayor may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Individuals should not expect the Mayor or Council to respond to their comments tonight.

Moorhead resident Hilary Ray shared her support of the Human Rights Commission Awards.
8. *Mayor and Council Appointments
 - A. *Resolution for Appointments to Boards and Committees
9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)

During "Public Hearings", the Mayor will ask for public testimony after staff and/or applicants make their presentations. The following guidelines are in place to ensure an efficient, fair, and respectful hearing; limit your testimony to three minutes and to the matter under consideration; the Mayor may modify times, as deemed necessary; avoid repeating remarks or points of view made by previous speakers. The use of signs, clapping, cheering or booing or any other form of verbal or nonverbal communication is not allowed.
10. Engineering Department
 - A. *Resolution to Award Bid for 2023 Sanitary Lift Station No.3, No.32, and No.36 Improvements (Eng. No. 23-06-01).
 - B. *Resolutions to Approve Actions for Johnson Farms 5th and 7th Addition Underground Utility & Street Improvements (Eng. No. 23-A6-01).
 - C. *Resolution to Receive Report and Order Plans and Specifications for Johnson Farms 5th & 7th Addition Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 23-A6-01)
 - D. *Resolution to Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Johnson Farms 5th and 7th Addition Underground Utility and Street Improvements (Eng. No. 23-A6-01).
11. Community Development Department
 - A. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment and Related Agreement for a Building Codes Apprenticeship with State of MN - Department of Labor and Industry
12. Moorhead Public Service
 - A. *Resolution to Approve Settlement Agreement and Release Between the City of Moorhead, Moorhead Public Service, and BNSF Railway Company
 - B. *Resolution to Award Bid for Furnishing Control Panels at Moorhead DOE Tap Substation

13. Public Works

- A. *Resolution to Renew Contract with MinnKota Recycling
- B. *First Reading of Ordinance 2023-01: An Ordinance to Amend the 2023 Fee Schedule for Sanitation Demolition Materials Roll-off Disposal Costs

14. Administration

- A. *Resolution to Award Contract to KLJ for Architecture and Engineering Services for the Dilworth Walmart Transit Hub
- B. *Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Classic Touch Lounge, LLC DBA Classic Touch Lounge

Council Member Seljevold stated he supports the liquor license request and is opposed to requiring the applicant to pay the \$200 liquor license fee for operating on Sundays.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve New Liquor License to Classic Touch Lounge, LLC DBA Classic Touch Lounge made by Larry Seljevold and seconded by Deb White

Motion Passed

For: 8; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Seljevold, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0:

- C. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Fire Chief

City Manager Dan Mahli shared background on Interim Fire Chief Jeff Wallin's career with the City of Moorhead Fire Department and in the field of Fire and Emergency Medical Service prior to working in Moorhead. Mr Mahli added Mr. Wallin has positive and long-standing relationships with people in Moorhead, the metro area, across the State of Minnesota. He has shown the commitment, perseverance, knowledge and technical skill to be a great chief. Pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 6.02, Subd. 3, of the Moorhead City Charter in which the City Manager is to select department heads on the basis of merit and fitness and subject to approval by the City Council, City Manager Mahli recommended the appointment of Jeff Wallin to serve as Moorhead's Fire Chief effective January 24, 2023.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Fire Chief made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 7; Nelson, Gilbertson, Nesemeier, Caroon, Seljevold, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 0

Abstain/Recuse: 1; White

Absent: 0:

- D. Resolution to Amend Resolutions 2021-0308-19 and 2022-0425-3, requests to the Legislature for Local Option Sales Tax Authorization

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode shared in 2022 the City had requested increasing the authorized local option sales tax collection period from 22 to 30 years. However, the Legislature did not pass an Omnibus Tax Bill in 2022. The City of Moorhead's 2023 legislative priorities include seeking opportunities to address construction and financing inflation. Ms. Bode reported

the Senate Tax Committee has initiated discussions on sales tax adjustments that were requested by local governments in 2022 and not acted on by the Legislature. The guidance provided by the Senate Tax Committee is that a City Council resolution requesting Legislative modification to local option sales tax terms in 2023 (similar to the initial request for a sales tax) must be submitted by January 31, 2023. Upon learning this, staff worked with the City's financial advisors to update the revenue forecast, financing projections, and construction inflation. The City Council reviewed the information and a motion was made to request the Legislature increase the authorized project cost to the maximum projected collection amount within the voter approved 22 years.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Amend Resolutions 2021-0308-19 and 2022-0425-3, requests to the Legislature for Local Option Sales Tax Authorization made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Failed

For: 5; Nesemeier, Caroon, White, Lindaas, Hendrickson

Against: 3; Nelson, Gilbertson, Seljevold

Abstain/Recuse: 0

Absent: 0:

15. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Heather Nesemeier spoke of her attendance at the Cass Clay Food Commission and three new videos that are released: 1) The Impact of Pollinators on our Food System, 2) Eating Fresh and Local on a Budget, and 3) Backyard Chicken Keeping. Council member Nesemeier encouraged residents to find additional information on its website and social media. Ms. Nesemeier also invited the community to a ribbon cutting for the new Resource Recover Center on January 31.

Council member Steve Lindaas stated Frostival events can be found online. He added Inclusive Moorhead is hosting a gathering at First Congregational United Church of Christ on January 29 with food and activities. Council member Lindaas encouraged all to participate.

Mayor Carlson stated she was part of a news conference with Senator Amy Klobuchar on January 10 in which the 11 Street Underpass project was awarded Federal grant funding. Mayor Carlson spoke of the honor she was given to be an ambassador for Missouri River Energy Services. Mayor Carlson also shared her meeting with Pastor Steve Krier from Ignite Church has a sister church in the Ukraine. Mayor Carlson connected Pastor Krier with Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Shannon Full to work with an existing program to sponsor Ukrainian families in relocating to the Fargo Moorhead area. Mayor Carlson mentioned the Red River Regional Dispatch Center held its first governance board meeting under the new Joint Powers Agreement where she was appointed Vice Chair along with Council Member Ryan Nelson as Finance Chair. She added discussion about a new facility is underway. Mayor Carlson shared that City Manager Mahli and she visited with Provost Tim Flakoll of Tri-College University who provided a survey on student recruitment and retention during academic years and after graduation.

16. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli spoke about parking concerns around the High School and stated alternatives are being explored. Mr. Mahli thanked Chief Wallin and his family for their public service and shared that a recognition event for all recent promotions and achievements in the Fire Department is being planned.

Mayor Carlson shared her presentation at the State of Cities event on January 19 was a great opportunity to discuss the work that was completed in 2022 and coming in 2023. Mayor Carlson also

spoke about the Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat on January 20 that she and others attended and enjoyed.

17. Executive Session

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:51pm

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.