

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof Mayor Alan Skramstad called to order the regular meeting of the Mora City Council at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in the city hall council chambers.

2. **Oaths of Office:** Jody Anderson, Kyle Shepard, and Sadie Broekemeier took the oath of office for terms ending December 31, 2024
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Skramstad, Councilmembers Anderson, Broekemeier, Mathison, and Shepard
Absent: none
Staff Present: City Administrator Crawford, Fire Chief Brett Anderson, and Deputy City Clerk Yoder
4. **Adopt Agenda:** MOTION made by Mathison, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.
5. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION made by Mathison, seconded by Shepard, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.
There were no consent agenda items.
6. **Open Forum:** No one spoke at open forum.
7. **Special Business:** There were no special business items to discuss.
8. **Public Hearings:** There were no public hearings.
9. **New Business**
 - a. **2021 Boards and Commissions Appointments:** MOTION made by Shepard, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried to approve the following appointments as stated:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term(Yrs)</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
Public Utilities Commission.....	three	Ryan Christianson
Housing & Redevelopment Authority -council seat.....	one	Jake Mathison
Economic Development Authority.....	six	Robert Jensen
Economic Development Authority-council seat	one	Jody Anderson
Planning Commission.....	three	Sara Treiber
Planning Commission-council seat.....	one	Jake Mathison
Airport Advisory Board.....	three	Nick Stafford
Airport Advisory Board-council seat	one	Jody Anderson
Park Board.....	three	Mickey Kringstad
Park Board.....	three	**OPEN SEAT TO BE FILLED
Park Board-council seat	one	Kyle Shepard
Mayor Pro-Tem	one	Jody Anderson
City Attorney(civil)	one	Joel Jamnik
		Campbell Knutson
City Attorney(prosecution)	one	Barbara McFadden
		Kanabec County
East Central Cable Commission-council seat	one	Sadie Broekemeier
.....		Jake Mathison (alt.)
Living Solutions Board.....	one	Greg Ardner
Steering Committee-council seat.....	one	Alan Skramstad
Steering Committee-PUC seat	one	Greg Ardner
Fire Relief Association.....	one	Alan Skramstad

Fire Relief Association.....	one	Lindy Crawford
Hearing Officer.....	one	Lindy Crawford
Data Practices Officer.....	one	Lindy Crawford
Mutual Aid Authority	one	Lindy Crawford
Assistant Weed inspector	one	Joe Kohlgraf
Official Newspaper.....	one	Kanabec County Times
Official Depositories.....	one	First Citizens
.....	one	National Bank
.....	one	Neighborhood
.....	one	National Bank
.....	one	Wells Fargo
.....	one	RBC Wealth
.....	one	4M Fund

The council discussed the vacant seat on the Park Board and directed staff to advertise for applicants with a deadline of applying before the February regular meeting in addition to mention of possible future discussions for Request for Proposals for a city attorney.

- b. 2022 Mora Area Fire Department Budget:** Chief Anderson presented the 2022 MAFD budget with a 4.9% increase over the 2021 budget.

The council discussed safety measures of installing surveillance/security cameras in the truck bay area of the fire hall. The council consensus was to direct Chief Anderson to obtain a quote for the installation of surveillance cameras in the fire hall truck bay area, return to the January 19 meeting with the information, and to add surveillance cameras to the 2022 budget.

- c. MnDOT Transportation Alternative Grant Application:** The council reviewed and discussed the MnDOT Transportation Alternative grant application for the Snake River bridge trail connection and pedestrian crossing project. MOTION made by Mathison, seconded by Shepard, and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2021-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORA, MINNESOTA SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE MNDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM
(see attached)

MOTION made by Anderson, seconded by Shepard, and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2021-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORA, MINNESOTA
AGREEING TO MAINTAIN THE TRUNK HIGHWAY 65/23 PEDESTRIAN TRAIL
EXTENSION AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
(see attached)

10. Old Business: There were no old budget items to discuss.

11. Communications: There were no communications to review.

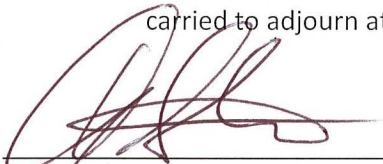
12. Reports


- a. City Administrator: Crawford stated the new Councilmember orientation would be on Thursday with each department head meeting with Broekemeier and Shepard.
- b. Councilmember Anderson: Anderson commended the street crews for the good job

plowing snow and stated concern about the cars parked at the mini mall affecting the efficiency of the street crew.

- c. Councilmember Broekemeier: Nothing new to report.
- d. Councilmember Mathison: Mathison welcomed the new councilmembers.
- e. Councilmember Shepard: Nothing new to report.
- f. Mayor Skramstad: Skramstad welcomed the new councilmembers and stated future council meetings would be held virtually until further notice. Skramstad discussed a letter received from the owner of Recovering Hope Treatment Center regarding property taxes and pointed out the county assessor's office set the property values, which the city has no control over, and the city portion of property taxes increased 6%; Skramstad, Crawford, and Anderson would be meeting with the owners of Recovering Hope to discuss concerns stated in the letter.

13. Adjournment: MOTION made by Mathison, seconded by Broekemeier, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:08 PM.



Mayor

Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORA, MINNESOTA SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE MNDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Mora is preparing an application for the MnDOT transportation alternatives (TA) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the transportation alternatives project shall be identified as TH 65/23 Pedestrian Trail Extension and Pedestrian Crossing; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall act as a statement of the City's support for the project and application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Mora, Kanabec County, Minnesota, that the City has reviewed and approved the project as proposed. As a participating member the City understands their role in the project, which includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project as appropriate as well as the responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of the City of Mora.

The foregoing resolution was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Mathison and seconded by Council Member Shepard.

Voting for the resolution:
Voting against the resolution:.....
Abstained from voting:
Absent:

Mayor Skramstad, Anderson, Brookmeier, Mathison, * Shepard

Motion carried and resolution adopted this 5th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

Lindy Crawford
Lindy Crawford, City Administrator

Alan Skramstad
Alan Skramstad, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Mora on this 5th day of January, 2021.

SIGNED:

Mandi Yoder
(Signature)
Deputy City Clerk 01-05-2021
(Title) (Date)

Lindy Crawford
(Signature)
City Administrator 1-5-21
(Title) (Date)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-112

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORA, MINNESOTA
AGREEING TO MAINTAIN THE TH 65/23 PEDESTRIAN TRAIL EXTENSION AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right of way or property ownership acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Alternatives projects receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has determined that for projects implemented with alternative funds, this requirement should be applied to the project proposer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mora is the applicant and Kanabec County is the sponsoring agency for the transportation alternatives project identified as the TH 65/23 Pedestrian Trail Extension and Pedestrian Crossing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the City Council of the City of Mora, Kanabec County, Minnesota hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned transportation alternatives project.

The foregoing resolution was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Shepard.

Voting for the resolution: Mayor Skramstad, Anderson, Brookemeier, Mathison, & Shepard
Voting against the resolution: none
Abstained from voting: none
Absent: none

Motion carried and resolution adopted this 5th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST: L.B. Crawford
Lindy Crawford, City Administrator

Alan Skramstad
Alan Skramstad, Mayor

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