

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for May 24, 2011 was called to order by Craig Buckalew, Council President at 5:00 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL

On a Call of Roll the following members of the East Grand Forks City Council were present: Mayor Lynn Stauss, Council President Craig Buckalew, Council Vice-President Wayne Gregoire, Council Members Marc DeMers, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.

STAFF PRESENT

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Nancy Ellis, Planning & Zoning; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Teri Kouba, MPO; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and John Wachter, Public Works Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Bus Purchase – Teri Kouba

Ms Kouba announced that in 2007, the City of East Grand Forks purchased a new bus for the Fixed Route. Normal replacement schedule is 5 years/150,000 miles. The current bus has been in service for 4 years and has 186,913 miles. Ms Kouba recommends replacing this bus with an Arboc bus that will have a 7 year/200,000 mile expectancy. She announced that the bus will be paid by a combination of an ARRA grant and the use of East Grand Forks 5307 funds. The City will have to pay for 20% of what is paid for using the 5307 funds. The old bus can be used as a reserve, sell it, or use in a different department. Mr. Maloney, resident, asked if the \$10,000 revenues is worth providing the service.

2. Safe Routes to School Application – Nancy Ellis

Ms Ellis asked City Council for approval to submit the Safe Routes to School application for 2012-2013 Infrastructure Funding. She stated that it would be funded with 100% construction costs and the City would need to pay the engineering and extra costs.

3. 2011 Street Repair – Access Road Wet Side – John Wachter

Mr. Wachter asked for guidance on the current access road on the wet side of the levee from the Sacred Heart ball fields to the train trestle. Council Member Leigh, Council Member Tweten, and Mayor Stauss would like to keep this road open since it provides an additional route. Mr. Galstad asked if this road has ever been designated as a right-of-way or road. Council Member DeMers stated that the City needs a comprehensive plan for the Greenway. Ms Ellis stated that Grand Forks has a Greenway Users Group that may be able to help with that.

4. O’Leary Tennis Courts – Dave Aker

Mr. Aker stated that he received two different quotes. He suggested that the City Council approve the higher quote that includes one layer of acrylic resurfacer and two layers of acrylic color. Council Member Leigh suggested going with the higher quote to get better quality surfaces. Discussion occurred regarding Water and Light reservoir.

5. Interim Park Foreman – Dave Aker

Mr. Huizenga suggested appointing Mr. Gulbranson as interim for now. Mr. Aker stated that he does need staff for various projects since all the mowing will be moved to Public Works. Mr. Aker and Mr. Wachter will work together to ensure that all project get completed.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VONASEK, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 24, 2011 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:52 P.M.

Voting Aye: Vonasek, Buckalew, Tweten, Gregoire, Leigh, Pokrzywinski, and DeMers.

Voting Nay: None.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer