

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for June 14, 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 (5:10 p.m.), Council President Craig Buckalew, Council Vice-President Wayne Gregoire, Council Members Marc DeMers, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, and Mike Pokrzywinski.

STAFF PRESENT

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Dan Boyce, Water & Light Manager; Steve Emery, City Engineer; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and John Wachter, Public Works Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Legislative Update - Representative Kiel

Representative Kiel rescheduled for the June 21, 2011 Council Meeting.

2. Sherlock Park Playground – Penny Pape/Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga announced that he would like the City Council to formally announced the intent to rebuild Sherlock Forest Playground and appoint Penny Pape and Katie Nelson co-chairs. Mr. Huizenga stated that he has not heard back from insurance. Ms Pape recommended using the same firm. Discussion occurred regarding the purchasing process.

3. 2012 City Project – Wastewater Interconnect Project – Greg Boppre

Mr. Emery asked City Council to approve plans and specifications. Mr. Huizenga announced that the City is on schedule with the process. Council Member Gregoire suggested moving it on to Council for approval. Council Member Tweten would like to see a memorandum of understanding or contract with Grand Forks before proceeding. He suggested a sub-committee with the Mr. Boppre, Mr. Huizenga, Mr.

Galstad, Council President Buckalew, and Mayor Stauss to work on the agreement. Mr. Huizenga announced that the parameters are laid out on what should be included in the agreement. Mayor Stauss suggested a “do not exceed amount” on the project. This item will be referred to City Council for action.

4. NCTC Transit Contract – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga announced that this is a one year agreement and the City would have a 33% increase in revenue. He stated that it is the same terms and conditions as before. This item will be referred to Council for action.

5. Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga announced that this Joint Powers Agreement is a five year agreement and all campground revenues go to the City. Mr. Huizenga stated that in the event the State of Minnesota does shut down, the campground would as well. Mr. Huizenga announced that he did offer the City to volunteer to keep the campground open but was currently denied. Council thanked Mayor Stauss, Mr. Huizenga, and Mr. Grassel for all their dedication to the campground.

6. State Performance Measures – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga stated that the Legislature appointed a Council on Local Results and Innovation. The goal is to develop uniform benchmark through the State. By participating, Cities can see a small increase on LGA and receive an exemption on levy limit laws. This item will be referred to City Council for action.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 14, 2011 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:58 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Leigh.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer