

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for October 11, 2011 was called to order by Wayne Gregoire, Council President at 5:01 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 Vice-President Wayne Gregoire, Council Members Marc DeMers, Henry Tweten, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Greg Boppre, City Engineer; Dan Boyce, Water & Light Manager; Nancy Ellis, Planning & Zoning; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; and John Wachter, Public Works Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Boat Storage Facility – Andy Magness, Randy Lieberg, Dave Aker

Mr. Magness discussed three potential sites that are all within the floodplain. He stated that he would prefer site number one because of the existing restroom facilities and river access. Council Member Leigh was concerned about the parking. Council Member Tweten stated that he is concerned about the traffic and esthetics. Mr. Boppre stated that the Corp requires any modifications go through the City. The Mayor and City Council prefer a removable structure at site three. Mr. Magness must work with the City Attorney regarding the existing agreement with Sacred Heart.

2. Assessment Roll – 10AJ2 – Storm Sewer North Star Terrace – Greg Boppre

Mr. Boppre provided the proposed assessment roll for Storm Sewer North Star Terrace project. City Council will hold a public hearing.

3. Pool – Dave Aker

Mr. Aker stated that he received a bid from US Aquatics and FS Engineering for the renovation of the existing pool. Mr. Boppre announced that he had contacted EAPC to partner in this project. Council Member Leigh was concerned with the funding source. Discussion occurred regarding a bonding bill, location of a new pool, and should splash parks be placed throughout the City instead.

4. Police Officer Hiring Request – Chief Hedlund

Chief Hedlund stated that they just hired Mr. Thompson to fill the vacancy of Mr. Whalen. He stated that he received a resignation letter from Sergeant William Solem which stated that his retirement will be effective on December 29, 2011. Chief Hedlund also informed City Council that he is anticipating another officer will be leaving mid-November to take a position with a different agency. Chief Hedlund would like the Council to approve the hiring of a police officer from the current hiring register to cut back on overtime expenses. This item will be referred to Council for action.

5. Extraburn Hours MOU with LELS – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga announced that the Police Department bargaining unit have requested that City allow the Police Department employees the option of paying so-called extra burn, or “XB”, hours paid at their regular rate of pay rather than requiring XB hours to be used as additional time off. This item will be referred to Council for action.

6. Campbell Library Roof – Charlotte Helgeson

Ms Helgeson stated that Kraus Anderson received bids to complete Phases 1-4 on the Library roof repair from InSpec, WSN, Braun Intertec, McFarlane and Kraus-Anderson. Ms Helgeson recommended approving the following bids. Braun Intertec \$30,950; McFarlane \$12,000; Kraus Anderson \$11,700 for a total of \$54,650 for phases 1-4. This item will be referred to Council for action.

7. Banners for Sacred Heart – Marc DeMers

Council Member DeMers stated that Sacred Heart would like to place banners around the school to celebrate 100 years. Sacred Heart will work with Mr. Gravseth on the sizing, bracket requirement, and time. This item will be referred to Council for action.

8. Winter Equipment Lease – John Wachter

Mr. Wachter announced that the Public Works Department would like to lease two motor graders for snow removal this year. He stated that he received quotes from both Butler Equipment and Ziegler Cat for two graders with snow wing. He recommended approving the lease agreement with Butler for two motor graders for \$2100 per month plus \$63 per hour.

9. Other

Mayor Stauss discussed putting an American Flag, Minnesota Flag, and North Dakota Flag on the pier surrounded by lights. He will look into the costs.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:40 P.M.

Voting Aye: Tweten, Gregoire, Pokrzywinski, DeMers

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Leigh, Buckalew, and Vonasek.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer