

**APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE  
OF THE  
EAST GRAND FORKS  
CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for January 10, 2012 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 (5:06 pm), Council Members Marc DeMers, Ron Vonasek, 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; 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 Jason Stordahl, Interim Public Works Superintendent.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**1. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE Street Improvement Project – Ron Galstad**

Mr. Galstad proposed the following Intergovernmental Agreement between Huntsville Township and the City of East Grand Forks regarding the 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE Street Improvement Project. Mr. Galstad stated that the Township is willing to pay 10% of the costs. Council Member Leigh stated that all homeowners should pay a similar amount. Mr. Galstad announced that the Township would pay the City for the project and the township would assess the affected property owners. Council Member Leigh suggested removing the annexation terms. Council Member DeMers gave a brief history on how this project began. Discussion occurred regarding funding. The Intergovernmental Agreement will be brought to City Council for action.

**2. Citizen Feedback Survey – Scott Huizenga**

Mr. Huizenga stated that the Citizen Feedback Survey is a program administered by the State Auditor's Office. He announced that by participating in the survey, the City received a small LGA, Local Government Aid, bump by participating. Mr. Huizenga briefly discussed the results of the survey and

announced that the State will review the data and will come up with a uniform measurement for cities to look at.

### **3. Unmarked Police Vehicle – Chief Hedlund**

Chief Hedlund asked City Council to declare the 2002 Impala and two additional 2009 Crown Victoria squad cars surplus and trade them in towards an unmarked vehicle. Chief Hedlund suggested purchasing a 2011 Chevy Impala from Dahlstrom Motors. He announced that this vehicle still has 16,000 miles on the bumper to bumper warranty and 80,000 miles/four years left on the drive train. With trade in, the insurance money from the damaged 2002 Chevy Impala the difference would be \$2,938.42. He stated that this would be paid from the small tools and equipment categories in Police Administration and Police Investigations. This item will be referred to Council for action.

### **4. 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update (Games Galore Rental)– Mayor Stauss**

Mayor Stauss stated that he received three bids for the playground activities during the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He suggested going with Games Galore for \$15,000. This item will be referred to Council for action.

### **5. Cemetery Commission Update – Wayne Gregoire**

Council Vice President Gregoire gave a brief history on the Resurrection Cemetery on how it all began. He stated that the Commission meets quarterly. He informed City Council about the current changes on the winter burial fee increase, the possibly of ½ lots due to the increase in cremation, and future expansion. Council Member DeMers suggested a columbarium just for Veterans in the future.

### **6. Other**

Council Member Tweten stated that he would like to discuss the future paving project for 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE and 17<sup>th</sup> St. NE at a future Work Session.

## **ADJOURN**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 10, 2012 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:10 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

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Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer