

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for January 24, 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, Council Members Marc DeMers, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.

STAFF PRESENT: DO NOT READ

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Jeff Anderson, Assistant Fire Chief; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Brad Bail, 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; Jason Stordahl, Interim Public Works Superintendent; and Ryan Swang, Firefighter.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Consider adopting Resolution No. 12-01-15 approving the Pay Equity Implementation Report for FY2012.

Mr. Huizenga gave a brief history on the pay equity report and the process. He explained the results and announced that the new compensation study will begin January 31st. Council Member DeMers thanked those involved in union negotiation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-01-15 TO APPROVE THE PAY EQUITY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR FY2012.

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

Voting Nay: None.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ADJOURN

JANUARY 24, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 24, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:09 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for January 24, 2012 was called to order by Craig Buckalew, Council President at 5:09 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: DO NOT READ

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; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and Jason Stordahl, Interim Public Works Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Swimming Pool – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga announced that the Swimming Pool Working Group had opted for the full renovation. The Working Group met with the Water and Light Commission to discuss a loan. The Commission approved the loan for 10 years for 1.5 percent interest.

Council Member Gregoire announced that the Working Group wants to have the pool open for the 125th Anniversary so there will be some costs of approximately \$9,000 for a water pump before the reconstruction. Council Member Pokrzywinski would like to talk to the School District, Sacred Heart, and Northland Community and Technical College regarding an indoor facility. Discussion occurred regarding funding. Ms French will organize a meeting.

2. 14th Ave. SE Street Improvement Project – Council Member DeMers

Council Member DeMers announced that they met to discuss the joint powers agreement again and came up with the same contract. He stated that the City has three options: a – go for the agreement as

submitted; b – do nothing and walk away from the project; c – go forward with the annexation. Council Member Gregoire suggested moving forward with the current agreement but mark the new road with no truck traffic. Council Member Leigh suggested a half street with no truck traffic and the City Council needs to look at how the road will be maintained. Discussion occurred regarding the annexation process. Council President Buckalew stated that the agreement does not include maintenance costs; however, annexation would fix that. He stated that he will not be able to support this project at this time. This item will be referred to City Council on February 21, 2012.

3. Speed Limit on 23rd St. NW – Greg Leigh

Council Member Leigh announced that a resident would like the speed limit increased to 35-40 mph on 23rd St NW. Mr. Huizenga stated that the City Council will need to adopt a resolution for the state to proceed in a study. He announced that the MPO will conduct a study as well. This item will be referred to Council for action.

4. Aerial Platform Truck – Randy Gust

Chief Gust, Assistant Chief Anderson, and Firefighter Swang gave a brief presentation on the aerial platform fire trucks to fit the needs of the department. Chief Gust recommended purchasing the 2007 Seagrave 100' Mid-Mount Platform Fire Truck. He stated that they have contacted the City of Bridgeton, NJ and negotiated a price of \$625,000. Discussion occurred regarding funding.

5. Ice Resurfacers (Zamboni) Advertising – Scott Huizenga/Dave Aker

Mr. Aker suggested selling advertising for a complete wrap on the Zamboni. He announced that the decals were \$1400-\$1600 but the City would charge \$3800 per year. He would suggest a three year lease. Discussion occurred regarding who will receive the revenue. Mr. Huizenga suggested having a meeting with the Blue Line Club, Mayor Stauss, Mr. Aker, and himself to discuss an RFP for advertisers. The City would be the seller and would have final approval.

6. Bleachers & Picnic Tables – Dave Aker

Mr. Aker announced that \$20,000 is budgeted for bleachers and picnic tables. He stated that he received two bids for bleachers with the lowest bid from BSN Sports for four bleachers that are 5 rows and 50 seats made out of aluminum. He informed City Council that he could also get 8 rugged aluminum picnic tables for \$6,925.50. The bleachers would go to Itts Williams and the picnic tables would be divided between Stauss Park, Senior Center, and Itts Williams. Total bid price is \$19,318.73. This item will be referred to City Council for action.

7. Legislative Agenda – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga stated that he is getting a list of priorities together for Legislative Action Day. He suggested LGA, levy limits, Waste Water Treatment Improvements Phase II, Street Improvement Districts, Oppose Supermajority Constitutional Amendments, and support mandate relief to local governments. Council Member DeMers suggested market value homestead credits and sales tax.

8. W&L Commission Update – Council Member Tweten

Council Member Tweten gave a brief overview of the Water & Light Commission goals. He discussed the rebate programs, rates, and past and current projects. Council Member DeMers suggested looking at the water leak policy. Discussion occurred regarding a succession plan.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VONASEK, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 24, 2012 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 7:45 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: Leigh.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer