

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for March 13, 2012 was called to order by Wayne Gregoire, Council Vice-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 Vice-President Wayne Gregoire, 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; 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. ICON Pavement Management – Greg Boppre

Mr. Boppre handed out sample reports based on the ICON software. Council Member Tweten felt that the City already has the information and the Council can look at our streets. Council Member DeMers stated that we need to upgrade our system that allows for planning. Mr. Boppre stated that FS Engineering could have the entire project completed for \$50,000. Council Member Leigh stated that he is not sure which way to go since we are a small city. Mr. Huizenga announced that this software is mainly used for long term planning.

2. Recyclebank – Paul Kalibabky/Jason Stordahl/Scott Huizenga

Paul Kalibabky stated that East Grand Forks was selected to represent Minnesota in the 50 State Challenge from July 1 through December 31. He briefly discussed the details. City Council will approve a resolution of support.

3. 2012 Motor Grader – Jason Stordahl

Mr. Stordahl recommended going with the 2012 Volvo G946B Motor Grader. He announced that the bids came from the state buying bid. Discussion occurred regarding warranty and the service ability. Mr. Huizenga stated that Mr. Stordahl had talked to his department and did a lot of leg work before making a recommendation. Council Member Vonasek felt that there could be a service ability issue. This item will be referred to Council for action.

4. Playground Equipment at O’Leary Park – Dave Aker

Mr. Aker announced that the League of Minnesota Cities recommended removing the current equipment at O’Leary Park. The equipment is outdated and dangerous according to the new guidelines. He recommended approving the quote from Midwest Playscapes, Inc. for \$27,884.97 with additional pea rock for \$1,800.00. Discussion occurred regarding rubber flooring like at Sherlock Forest Playground, however cost was a concern. Council Member DeMers suggested looking at another location for this equipment since O’Leary Park is so close to the Crestwood Trail Head.

5. City Logo – Council Member Pokrzywinski

Council Member Pokrzywinski announced that this working group has met three times to discuss the City logo. He stated that the Council needs to decide if the City should keep the existing image found on the rotunda floor in City Hall with some possible revisions or adopt a logo using City Hall image. Council Member Pokrzywinski presented the possible logos from Bydal Designs and Custom Stripes.

Ms French stated that the City has a large amount of City letterhead already printed and it would cost the City money to change the logo on our City accounting system and website as well. She also recommended keeping our existing logo on letterhead, website, and accounting system but changing the image on vehicles and equipment to the City Hall image. She recommended Custom Stripes design proposal number three with a different color for each department. Chief Hedlund stated the he has been incorporating the current logo colors with the new police car colors and design. He felt that the current image is professional and classy.

Mayor Stauss also liked the Custom Stripes design. Council Vice President Gregoire stated that driving by; you need to have a simple design and eye catching since it’s so fast. Discussion continued.

6. Other

Ms Anderson presented a resolution adjusting the waste water rates effective April 1st. She stated that she added meter sizes with the fees for housekeeping measures only. This item will be referred to Council for action.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 13, 2012 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:27 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 13, 2012

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Buckalew.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer