

**APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE  
OF THE  
EAST GRAND FORKS  
CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for March 27, 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, Henry Tweten, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

*Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Nancy Ellis, Planning & Zoning; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**1. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Intergovernmental Agreement – Greg Boppre**

Mr. Huizenga announced that Mr. Galstad and himself attended the township meeting to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. The township amended the agreement by putting a cap on the township contribution if bids came in higher, then the City would need to pick up the difference.

Council Member Leigh stated that he will not accept the agreement and pave the street and take the 15 year annexation out. Council Member DeMers stated that he will vote for the contract, if the bid is too high, the project may not be done and the City will reject the bids. Council Member Tweten stated that he is not worried about annexation but these residents need full pavement.

Mayor Stauss suggested a “no traffic sign” or thicker concrete. Mr. Galstad stated that he will need to do research to find out if the street can have a limit weight. Mr. Huizenga stated that the City could just annex the road. Ms Ellis suggested just putting in the thicker concrete. This item will be referred to Council for action to vote on the Intergovernmental Agreement and schedule a public hearing.

**2. Redistricting – Nancy Ellis/Scott Huizenga**

Mr. Huizenga stated that originally he proposed combining polling places; however there had been some concerns with ward two residents. Council Member Pokrzywinski informed City Council that he got feedback from residents who want to keep the location at City Hall. He stated that some do not have transportation, within walking distance, and most residents travel into the City. This item will be referred to Council for action.

**3. EDHA Board Update – Council President Buckalew/Council Vice-President Gregoire**

Council President Buckalew and Council Vice-President Gregoire gave a brief update on the EDHA Board. They informed City Council of the action items that were completed and in progress such as the sale of the creamery building, multiple listing of all City lots, reduction in price of all Waters Edge lots, leases for downtown area, Northern Valley Machine expansion, Reimer Welding signed a lease in the current location, and retail lower level on corner of DeMers and 4<sup>th</sup>. They also announced that May 31<sup>st</sup> the Town Square contract will be terminated. Council President Buckalew went over the advertisements with commercial and home programs.

**ADJOURN**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 27, 2012 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:54 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: Vonasek.*

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Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer