

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for May 1, 2012 was called to order by Council President Buckalew at 5:00P.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, 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; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

“An opportunity for members of the public to address the City Council on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring Council action maybe deferred to staff or Boards and Commissions for research and future Council Agendas if appropriate.” If you would like to address the City Council, please come up to the podium to do so.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council of April 17, 2012.
2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council of April 24, 2012.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO APPROVE ITEMS ONE (1) AND TWO (2).

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Tweten.

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. 12-04-42 a Resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans on 2012 Assessment Job No. 3 – Street Paving to serve Absey’s 2nd Addition, Absey’s 3rd Addition, Beste’s Addition, and Peabody’s 1st Addition.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-04-42 A RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS ON 2012 ASSESSMENT JOB NO. 3 – STREET PAVING TO SERVE ABSEY’S 2ND ADDITION, ABSEY’S 3RD ADDITION, BESTE’S ADDITION, AND PEABODY’S 1ST ADDITION.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Tweten.

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE.

Items under the “Consent Agenda” will be adopted with one motion; however, council members may request individual items to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion and action if they choose.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

4. Regular meeting minutes of the Water, Light, Power and Building Commission for March 19, 2012.
5. Regular meeting minutes of the Water, Light, Power and Building Commission for April 5, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Consider adopting Resolution 12-05-46 a Resolution to increase the speed limit of 23rd Street NW to 35 miles per hour from River Road to TH220.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 12-05-46 A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SPEED LIMIT OF 23RD STREET NW TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FROM RIVER ROAD TO TH220.

Council Vice President Gregoire stated that he is not in favor of the speed limit increase, therefore, he will vote no.

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

Voting Nay: Gregoire.

Absent: Tweten.

7. Consider adopting Resolution 12-05-47 a Resolution to approve the filing of plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for 2012 Assessment Job No. 1 – 15th Street NE – Paving.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VONASEK, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 12-05-47 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FILING OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 2012 ASSESSMENT JOB NO. 1 – 15TH STREET NE – PAVING.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Tweten.

CLAIMS:

8. Consider adopting Resolution No. 12-05-48 a Resolution authorizing the City of East Grand Forks to approve purchases from Hardware Hank the goods referenced in check numbers 12654 for a total of \$521.41 whereas Council Member Buckalew is personally interested financially in the contract.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VONASEK, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-48 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS TO APPROVE PURCHASES FROM HARDWARE HANK THE GOODS REFERENCED IN CHECK NUMBERS 12654 FOR A TOTAL OF \$521.41 WHEREAS COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED FINANCIALLY IN THE CONTRACT.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: Buckalew.

Absent: Tweten.

9. Consider authorizing the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer to issue payment of recommended bills and payroll.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS AND PAYROLL.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Tweten.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Council Member Leigh asked Mr. Stordahl when they will begin spraying for dandelions.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VONASEK, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 1, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:07 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Tweten.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer