

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for June 12, 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 (5:02).

STAFF PRESENT:

Bonnie Abel, Customer Service Manager; Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Greg Boppre, City Engineer; Dan Boyce, W&L 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; and Jim Richter, EDHA Director.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Council on Local Results and Innovation – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga stated that in 2011 the City of East Grand Forks adopted the ten model benchmarks for cities via resolution. The City also conducted a survey on city services. For 2012, the City can continue to participate in the program by adopting the ten model benchmarks, reporting the results of the previous survey, and agree to implement output and outcome measures. Mr. Huizenga stated that if the City chooses to participate, the City can receive \$.14 per city resident in additional Local Government Aid. City Council agreed to continue and this item will be referred to City Council for action.

2. MN Business Development Capital Projects Grant Program – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga announced that the State of Minnesota left unallocated \$47.5 million in the 2012 bonding bill. He stated that these funds are subject to a competitive grant process to be administered by the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Mr. Huizenga stated that applications are due June 26. He stated that the most obvious project that the City has in its queue is the waste water treatment.

Council Member Leigh stated that he voted no on the Interconnect project because he does not want to be locked in and would like to see something in writing saying that the City needs to do something on the ponds. Council Member Pokrzywinski stated that this is a divided council on this project and feels it may be premature to ask for funding. Council Member Tweten informed City Council that he is against joining Grand Forks and if we do, we have no control. Mayor Stauss stated that he had vetoed this project based on missing information and he feels that the City does need to proceed to get grant money when it is available. Council Member DeMers feels that the City should move forward.

3. W&L Commission Update – Council Member Tweten

Council Member Tweten, Mr. Boyce, and Ms Abel gave a brief update on the Water and Light Commission. Ms Abel discussed the new Commercial New Construction Lighting Rebate. Mr. Boyce discussed the substation improvements.

4. Other

Mayor Stauss discussed the dedication of the Joan Kroc Parkway since she did so much for this community. Council Member DeMers thought the City Council had already voted on this issue.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 12, 2012 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:04 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer