

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for June 26, 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: Council Vice-President Wayne Gregoire, Council Members Marc DeMers, Henry Tweten, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.

STAFF PRESENT:

Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Greg Boppre, 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; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. CGMC Legislative Update - JD Burton

JD Burton, Attorney from Flaherty & Hood, thanked the City of East Grand Forks for being a member of the Coalition. He provided the Council with a legislative update regarding Local Government Aid (LGA) and EDA programs.

2. Minnesota Heights Development – Jim Richter/Ron Galstad

Mr. Huizenga stated that this new development is a 39 unit apartment building with commercial space. The City Council needs to approve the Development Agreement and financing package.

Mr. Galstad informed City Council that he modified the project agreement from Grand Forks. Discussion occurred regarding the previous developments in that area.

Mr. Huizenga introduced Craig Tweten. Mr. Tweten stated that he does take precautions in the event there is pollution. City Council stated that they are very excited to move forward. Mr. Tweten stated that parking will be more on the south side and the drawings should be available July 12th. This agreement will be forwarded to City Council for action.

3. 2011 Assessment Job No. 1 – Curb, Gutter, and Paving – 14th Ave. SE & 2012 Assessment Job No. 3 – Paving - 13th St. SE - Greg Boppre

Mr. Boppre provided the bid tabs and the rolls. He stated that Greenway Crossing and 13th Street SE came in less than the Report of Feasibility and 14th Ave. SE came in higher. He announced that it will affect the special assessment rate. He stated that both projects were bid together.

Mr. Huizenga announced that the City Council will have a public hearing next Tuesday and adopt the assessment roll. Mr. Boppre announced that if the City Council has a change order, another public hearing will be required. The City contribution would increase by \$27,000 based on the current bids. Contingencies may change the prices.

4. 12CP6 - Swimming Pool - Bids – Wayne Gregoire/Greg Boppre

Mr. Boppre announced that the pool committee met yesterday. He gave a breakdown of the RCAs and bids. Mr. Boppre discussed the recommendation of the pool committee. Council Member Leigh asked what a new pool would cost. Mr. Huizenga thought a new pool would cost approximately \$5 to \$7 million. If the Council waited, we are in compliant. Alternates are not included in the price.

If the City moves forward, award the base bid and discuss with the contractor to look at cost savings. Council Member Tweten announced that we only received two bids and if we continue to wait the costs are going to continue to increase.

Council Member DeMers asked why the cover is not included. He suggested contacting Water & Light to look at the energy savings with the price. He stated that the pool is a need but the debt service is looking at 7% tax increase for City residents. Council Member Tweten suggested putting money into a reserve fund. This item will be referred to Council for action.

5. Braun Intertec Contract – Charlotte Helgeson

Ms Helgeson stated that Braun Intertec is going to make sure that the project is inspected. They are a specialist in roof systems and they did the investigation on the roof problem. Kraus-Anderson takes care of the budget and the contractors. This is not an additional cost; this was included in the original project. This item will be referred to Council for action.

6. Library Board Update – Council Member Pokrzywinski

Council Member Pokrzywinski provided a copy of activities on what is going on at the library. He stated the roof is the major project and will start July 25th. He gave a brief update on the software update, E-books, and summer programming. He stated that the Library Board is just starting to look at the budget for 2013.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 26, 2012 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:09 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 26, 2012

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Buckalew and Vonasek.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer