

**APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE  
OF THE  
EAST GRAND FORKS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012 – 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*The Special Council Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for July 24, 2012 was called to order by Council President Buckalew 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.*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

*Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Brad Bail, City Engineer; Greg Boppre, City Engineer; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Teri Kouba, Transit; Gary Larson, Interim Fire Chief; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

*The Council President Determined a Quorum was present*

**SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS:**

1. Consider adopting Resolution No. 12-07-66 a Resolution accepting and awarding the bid for improvements to ICS, Inc. for 2012 City Project No. 6 – Pool Repairs for a bid price of \$1,523,736.00.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-07-66 A RESOLUTION NO. 12-07-66 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ICS, INC. FOR 2012 CITY PROJECT NO. 6 – POOL REPAIRS FOR A BID PRICE OF \$1,523,736.00.**

Council Member Gregoire stated that he has been up and down on this issue. He would like to see us move forward on the bid as proposed. He stated that he has not had anyone tell him not to move forward.

Council Member DeMers discussed the price tag on this project and the City needs to look at what we want in this pool. He stated that it's not at the top of his priorities but it is a priority. Council Member DeMers would like to see a project that closes the pool for one year to complete the project and get a new scope. This would allow us to put into the budget process.

Council Member Tweten thanked those who attended the meeting. He stated that we need to have the amenities to attract families. He fully supports the pool.

Council Member Leigh thanked the committee who worked on this to get to this point. Unfortunately we cannot afford this plan at this time. The pool is functional. He would like to see "Save our Pool" raise money to update the bath house. He feels that we need to look at the needs. He will not vote for this particular bid and feels that the price can be reduced.

Council Member Vonasek stated that we have been up and down on this so much and we need to move forward with this project. He feels that there could be some things changed and put the faith in the group to help raise money.

Council Member Pokrzywinski stated that we are all in agreement on not closing the pool. Everyone agrees that it's an asset and we need to keep it. Discussion occurred regarding change orders.

Mr. Galstad stated that this is a contract and we cannot have change orders.

Council President Buckalew appreciates the work that was done by the committee; however, we have an opportunity to have "Save our Pool" raise money. We need to be very specific on what we want and rebid. Everything is functional.

Mayor Stauss stated that the pool will not be closed. We need to look at the budget and set priorities.

Melody Olstad, "Save our Pool", stated that they are in support on keeping the pool open. John Heffernan, "Save our Pool", stated that he is also in full support of keeping the pool open. He stated that the goal of the committee is to be hands off and help financially. Raise awareness. Mayor Stauss stated that labor could also be donated.

*Voting Aye: Pokrzywinski, Vonasek, Tweten, and Gregoire.*

*Voting Nay: DeMers, Buckalew, and Leigh.*

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

***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.***

2. Consider adopting Resolution No. 12-07-78 a Resolution appointing election judges and designating polling places.
3. Consider approving the temporary liquor license application for the VFW Post 3817, for the Bike and Bites event on July 26, 2012.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, TO APPROVE CONSENT MOTIONS NUMBER TWO (2) AND (3) AS SUBMITTED.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

**ADJOURN:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO ADJOURN THE JULY 24, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:28 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

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Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*The Council President determined a quorum was present.*

**1. Waste Water Treatment Phase II Peer Review – Council Member Pokrzywinski**

Council Member Pokrzywinski reviewed the history on this project. All members were in favor of approving the Interconnect on May 3, 2011. He stated that Mayor Stauss wanted to receive a second opinion.

Council Member Leigh stated that there are a number of questions in the report that are still not answered. He stated that in the short term, it would be cheaper to move towards Grand Forks Interconnect.

Council Member Pokrzywinski needs reaffirmation that the Interconnect is a better project. The report makes the case that we need to move forward sooner rather than later.

Council Member Tweten stated that when you have a project of this magnitude, we need to look past 20 years. The contract was full of blanks and we cannot approve a contract like that.

Mayor Stauss stated that he still stands with vetoing. We need to look at grants and funding. Council Member Pokrzywinski stated that we need to have a project ready to go. Mayor Stauss stated that this project does not need to be done until 2016. MPCA will come in and say exactly what we need.

Council Member Pokrzywinski stated that the ponds are leaking and taxes will need to be increased. Mayor stated that we could get a grant and the consultant stated that we could save \$47,000 for 10 years. Discussion occurred regarding phosphorus. Council Member DeMers stated that this report reaffirms everything we have been looking at. The ponds are leaking and polluting our river.

Mr. Huizenga announced that the City Council will need to adopt a resolution to authorize personnel to research and address the unanswered questions.

## **2. Seized Vehicles to Declare Surplus – Chief Hedlund**

Chief Hedlund asked to declare items surplus that were seized. He briefly explained the process and he stated that the Police Department will be trying an online bid service. He stated that funds must be used for law enforcement training.

## **3. Civic Center Boards to Declare Surplus – Dave Aker**

Mr. Aker stated that Becker Arena has offered the City \$11,000 for the boards but they would like \$5000 to take them down. He asked the Blue Line Club if they could take them down and they could sell the boards. Mr. Aker recommends declaring these items surplus. Council Member DeMers would like to see what we are going to do once they are declared surplus.

Council Vice-President Gregoire stated that if the Blue Line Club takes down the boards and gets \$11,000, the money will stay within the community.

## **4. Mutual Aid Agreement with Grand Forks Air Force Base Fire Department – Gary**

### **Larson**

Interim Chief Larson stated that this agreement has been with the Grand Forks Air Force Base forever. He stated that they have more specialized equipment and personnel. Mr. Galstad would like to talk to the add stacking of liability within the agreement.

## **5. Paid On Call Firefighters – Gary Larson**

Interim Chief Larson stated that with retirements, paid on call has been short. He recommends having 31 paid on call total. He has been talking with NCTC to have an intern program with the City. Council Member DeMers would like to see a list of current volunteers with the response percentages.

**6. Fixed Route & Paratransit/Senior Rider 2013 MnDot Contract – Teri Kouba**

Ms Kouba stated that these are yearly resolutions. She provided a copy of the budget. Council Member Pokrzywinski asked where the rider increase is coming from. Kouba stated they are still trying to find out but feels NCTC is a large number but there is an increase in adults as well.

**7. 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.

**8. Other**

Mr. Wilfard gave a brief update on the Catfish Days event.

**ADJOURN**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

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Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer