

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL CLOSED MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2012 - 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for October 2, 2012 was called to order by Council President Buckalew at 4:00 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.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present

1. Discussion of Litigation. Closed session is to be performed the exception to the open meeting law for Attorney-Client privilege Minn. Stat. §§ 13.01; 13D.05, subd. 3(b).

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 2, 2012 CLOSED MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 4:52 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

**APPROVED
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2012 - 5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for October 2, 2012 was called to order by Council President Buckalew at 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: DO NOT READ

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Brad Bail, City Engineer; Dan Boyce, Water & Light Manager; Nancy Ellis, Planning & Zoning; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Megan Nelson, Administrative Assistant; 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.”

Mr. Robert Gilleland, 523 4th Ave NE, would like to see if the council could do something about the train. It is very loud. The mayor added they must have gotten a new whistle, it is much louder than it used to be. The council may need to look into seeing what can be done. Mr. Pokrzywinski also added that the council had a chance to at one time for a rather reasonable amount but majority of the council voted against it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council of September 18, 2012.
2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council of September 25, 2012.

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

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

Voting Nay: None.

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS:

3. Consider accepting and awarding the bid for 2012 Assessment Job No. 4 – Utilities and Street Construction.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR 2012 ASSESSMENT JOB NO. 4 – UTILITIES AND STREET CONSTRUCTION TO RJ ZAVORAL FOR A BID PRICE OF \$361,801.39.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: Demers

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

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 Meeting for August 16, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Consider approving the BCTGM Local 167G Application for Private Use of Public Streets.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, TO APPROVE THE BCTGM LOCAL 167G APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE USE OF A PUBLIC STREET.

Council Member Leigh stated he would follow the city attorney's recommendation not to approve the application for numerous reasons and added there are other alternatives for this group to look into

Voting Aye: Tweten,

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

6. Consider approving Jack R Anderson & Sons Painting to paint at the Civic Center for the total amount of \$14055.05 for painting various areas including the high school locker room.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, TO APPROVE JACK R ANDERSON & SONS PAINTING TO PAINT AT THE CIVIC CENTER FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14055.05 FOR PAINTING VARIOUS AREAS INCLUDING THE HIGH SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM.

Mr. Aker informed the council all of areas that were being touched up which includes the high school locker room since the school is redoing the tiling along with some plumbing work.

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

Voting Nay: None.

CLAIMS:

7. Consider adopting Resolution No. 12-10-102 authorizing the City of East Grand Forks to approve purchases from Hardware Hank the goods referenced in check number 13976 for a total of \$344.74 whereas Council Member Buckalew is personally interested financially in the contract.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-102 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS TO APPROVE PURCHASES FROM HARDWARE HANK THE GOODS REFERENCED IN CHECK NUMBER 13976 FOR A TOTAL OF \$344.74 WHEREAS COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED FINANCIALLY IN THE CONTRACT.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: Buckalew

8. 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 LEIGH, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS AND PAYROLL.

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

Voting Nay: None.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor Stauss reminded the council of the swimming pool meeting taking place after the council meeting and that the council should attend if they could.

Council Member Tweten told the council this year the city has had one of its better building years and they should compare what happens during a year a presidential election will be held to other years.

Council Member Leigh told the members running for re-election to check and make sure their campaign signs hadn't blown away.

City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer also reminded the council of the public forum taking place after the council meeting, the meeting at 2:00 pm Wednesday afternoon with Ballard King & Associates, and that he will be out of the office at a conference next week.

Mr. Aker informed the council that all of the meetings Ballard King & Associates have had with different groups of the community have gone really well. He has learned things and hopes that he has taught them a few things too.

Mr. Boyce informed the council that a contractor had gone through a wire and the repairs should be completed within an hour or two.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 2, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:17 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer