

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE CITY
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013 - 5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for January 29, 2013 was called to order by Council President Craig 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 Greg Leigh, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, Mark Olstad, and Chad Grassel.

STAFF PRESENT: DO NOT READ

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Greg Boppre, 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; Teri Kouba, MPO; Gary Larson, Fire Chief; Megan Nelson, Executive Assistant; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present

1. Swimming Pool Pump – Dave Aker

Mr. Aker told the council the pump for the swimming pool needs to be replaced. He has collected two quotes and recommended Custom Pools since their quote was lower. Council member Leigh asked if the current pump could be fixed instead. Mr. Aker informed the council the pump was beyond repair and needs to be replaced.

2. SRTS Application for 2013 Infrastructure Funding – Nancy Ellis

Ms. Ellis informed the council there was still some funds available for Safe Routes to School sidewalks. This would be the last year that construction will be covered 100%. Due to legislative changes, funds for projects like this will only cover 80% of construction costs. There are areas around both Sacred Heart and New Heights Schools that they are looking into for improvements at this time. After some discussion, it was decided Ms. Ellis will also apply for speed minders to help people be aware of their speed in these areas.

3. Transit Fare Changes – Nancy Ellis

Ms. Ellis explained to the council that last year there was a transit development plan to see what might need to change with the transit system. Any and all changes that are going to be made were well advertised to all

of the riders of the transit system in the Grand Cities and so far there haven't been any complaints about the proposed changes. The main changes include an addition of a 14 day pass and some discounts that will no longer be offered.

4. Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance – Ron Galstad

Mr. Galstad explained to the council the city needs to comply with a directive from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. He met with Jason Stordahl and Widseth Smith Nolting to make sure everything was covered with this ordinance. He will also verify with the state to see if any revisions need to be made to this ordinance. Council President Buckalew asked if sump pump water was affected by this ordinance. Mr. Galstad informed the council that this was one of the few exceptions to this ordinance.

Mr. Huizenga reminded the council of the meeting on Monday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers about the future treatment of waste water. He reminded everyone the City Council Meeting has been moved from February 5th to February 7th with a time change to 4:00 pm.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 15, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:26 P.M.

Voting Aye: Tweten, Olstad, Leigh, Grassel, Vetter, Vonasek, and Buckalew.

Voting Nay: None

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer