

WEEKLY MEMO

Date: August 2, 2013

To: Mayor Lynn Stauss. Council President Craig Buckalew, Vice President Greg Leigh, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, Mark Olstad, and Chad Grassel

RE: Weekly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Meeting – August 5, 2013 – 12:00 PM – Administration Conference Room

Regular Council Meeting – August 6, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Work Session – August 13, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Regular Council Meeting – August 20, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department, Chief Hedlund

EGFPD Building Remodel Has Begun

The EGFPD building remodeling project has started. The contractors are completing the mold removal/clean-up process and have also begun removing the exterior shell of the building that will be replaced with brick and stone. Ultimately the police department will match city hall and will be more energy efficient. The building had many issues including the mold issues, old drafty windows, and a roof with multiple leaks. All of these problems should be remedied through this project and we will have a much better work environment at the PD.

Kenneth M. Olson Memorial Ride

On August 3, 2013 the local “Iron Pigs” (law enforcement motorcycle club) will be holding a fun ride in memory of Officer Kenneth M. Olson. Officer Olson is the only officer in East Grand Forks history to be killed in the line of duty. Officer Olson was shot and killed on July 19, 1978 while responding to a call. The memorial ride is planned to be an annual event and the group is starting a scholarship fund in Officer Olson’s memory.

Public Works Department, Jason Stordahl

Wastewater: Staff has been working on repairing the fence along the east side of our wastewater ponds this week. They will be working on the project throughout the remainder of the summer and into the fall.

Mowing: With the dry weather the grass growth has slowed down, or in some areas stopped growing all together, but the weeds however have not stopped growing. This is a good time to identify areas of weed growth because of the color contrast between areas of dormant grasses and green broadleaf weeds. Staff has been spraying areas of concern and will continue to do so.

Mosquitoes: West Nile Virus is still being found in mosquitoes in our area. East Grand Forks along with Grand Forks sprayed again this past Thursday, with Airborne Custom Spraying treating areas that area more accessible by air. We are in communication with GF mosquito control daily for updates on trap counts and disease test results, and will work in cooperation with GF on coordinating mosquito control efforts.

Agenda Items:

Under Consent the council will consider approving an exempt gambling permit, 2:00am closing for the Eagles Club, a special event application for Northland Community and Technical College, a special event application for Sacred Heart Church, a resolution to finalize the addition of the City Planner position into the AFSCME bargaining unit, and approving the CAT route changes and designated stops.

Item 12 will consider approving plans and specifications for 13CP1 – Sidewalk Improvements and setting a bid date.

Item 13 will consider authorizing Widseth Smith Nolting to conduct a feasibility study for repairs to 2nd Avenue NE.

Item 14 will consider authorizing funds for Mr. Bail to design a park that would be located on the north end of East Grand Forks.