

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for August 26, 2014 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 Greg Leigh, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Dale Helms, Henry Tweten, Mark Olstad, and Chad Grassel.

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Steve Emery, City Engineer; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Megan Nelson, Executive Assistant; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider adopting Resolution No. 14-08-80 ordering a report of feasibility and the preparation of plans and specifications for 2014 Assessment Job No. 2 – Street Paving for Point of Woods 5th Addition.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-08-80 ORDERING A REPORT OF FEASIBILITY AND THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2014 ASSESSMENT JOB NO. 2 – STREET PAVING FOR POINT OF WOODS 5TH ADDITION.

Mr. Murphy informed the Council there was a question regarding the additional curb stops that needed to be removed in this addition. Discussion followed about how this area was originally set up for twin homes and if the removal of the curb stops should be included with this project or be required to be removed prior to this project.

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It was determined questions would need to be answered before this project can move forward.

2. Consider adopting Resolution No. 14-08-81 allowing abatement for the special assessments to parcel number 83.03603.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSTAD, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-08-81 ALLOWING ABATEMENT FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO PARCEL NUMBER 83.03603.00.

Mr. Murphy explained how this parcel had been developed with the lot next to it and a home went across both of them. He stated how this had not been transferred so the taxes and special assessments had not been paid and now the property is in tax forfeiture. He added how the county had abated the taxes, interest, and penalties and it is being requested the City also abate the special assessment. Discussion followed between the Council and Mr. Musgrove who had purchased the home about how the one lot was not included in the legal description and how much of the special assessments were going to be abated.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WHEN THE RESOLUTION WILL HAVE THE CORRECTED AMOUNT OF ABATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

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

Voting Nay: None.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 26, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:40 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer