

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for May 7, 2015 was called to order by Council President Mark Olstad at 7:00 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of Roll the following members of the East Grand Forks City Council were present: Council President Mark Olstad, Council Vice-President Chad Grassel, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Mike Pokrzywinski, Craig Buckalew, Henry Tweten, and Marc DeMers.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present

1. Discussion and Awarding Contract for Pool Reconstruction

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 12TH TO DETERMINE THE ANSWER TO THE LEGAL QUESTION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FUNDS.

Council member DeMers asked for elaboration. Council President Olstad stated at this time the Council didn't know the answers to all of the questions regarding this item. Mr. Murphy stated there had been questions about the terms and conditions of accepting the funds from the Water and Light Department which was being looked into.

Voting Aye: Vetter, Pokrzywinski, Buckalew, Tweten, DeMers, Grassel, and Olstad.

Voting Nay: None.

Meeting was recessed at 7:02pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUCNIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO RECONVENE THE RECESSED MEETING FROM MAY 7TH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 12, 2015 AT 6:41PM.

Voting Aye: Tweten, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, Pokrzywinski, and Buckalew.

Voting Nay: None.

1. Award of Pool Bid.

Ms. Nelson stated she had handed out a resolution awarding the bid for the pool project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, SECONDED BY COUCNIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-05-52 ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID FOR 2012 CITY PROJECT NO. 6 – POOL IMPROVEMENTS TO TF POWERS FOR THE BID PRICE OF \$1,626,000.

Mayor Stauss asked what expenses were going to be and how this would affect the taxpayers. Council member Pokrzywinski asked how much revenue was generated by the pool. Discussion followed about how the revenue generated was a small percentage of what the expenses were to run the pool, a review of the operating costs for the three previous years, and that this project would only be replacing what is already there. Mayor Stauss asked why operating hadn't gone up more. Ms. Anderson explained that after this project was completed the repairs and maintenance expenses should be decreasing.

Council member DeMers stated this was a tough issue, explained with the other projects he did not see this as high of a priority, and added that everything else should be taken care of so he would not be supporting this project. Council member Buckalew explained how the pool is a safe environment for the kids of the community and that this is a higher priority because they teach kids how to swim, and how it fits in well with the playground, trails, and campground. He ended by saying he does find value in this project and will support it. Council member Tweten commented how important it is for people to learn how to swim and that the pool gives them this opportunity. Discussion followed about the swimming lessons offered at the pool, how the payment estimates do include pool operations if this project moves forward, and that there are other places for kids to learn how to swim.

Voting Aye: Tweten, Olstad, Grassel, Pokrzywinski, and Buckalew.

Voting Nay: DeMers and Vetter.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 12, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:59 P.M.

Voting Aye: Tweten, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, Pokrzywinski, and Buckalew.

Voting Nay: None.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer