

**AGENDA
OF THE CITY
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

- 1. Northland Community & Technical College Presentation – President Dennis Bona**
- 2. Down Town Banners – David Murphy**
- 3. Request for Reduction in Sewage Fee – David Murphy**
- 4. Microbrewery License – Megan Nelson**
- 5. Other**

ADJOURN:

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 5, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers
Work Session – Tuesday, April 12, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Training Room
Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers
Work Session – Tuesday, April 26, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Request for Council Action

Date: 3/17/16

To: East Grand Forks City Council Mayor Lynn Stauss, Council President Mark Olstad, Council Vice President Chad Grassel, Council Members: Clarence Vetter, Mike Pokrzywinski, Craig Buckalew, Henry Tweten, and Marc DeMers.

Cc: File

From: David Murphy

RE: Down Town Banners

Traditionally the Mayor has picked banners for the down town area. 2013 was the last time banners were ordered for the down town area and have been used for the last three years.

Grand Forks has banners in the down town supporting UND and it has now been asked if the City would like to do the same and have banners supporting Northland Community and Technical College.

Currently the Mayor has picked banners for the spring/summer/fall seasons but the order has not been placed at this point.

Council will need to direct staff on how to move forward regarding this issue.

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From: City Administrator David Murphy

RE: Scott Richter Wastewater Bill Appeal.

Background

Scott Richter owns the house at 1811 10th St. SE. Mr. Richter built a temporary outdoor skating rink for his daughter and filled it with water over the winter. Mr. Richter admits that he put the rink together and filled it without thinking about the impact of the water and sewer rates.

The total utility bill for the month is \$534.16 which is based on 29,000 gallons of usage. Mr. Richter's house averaged 2,000 gallons of usage or less for each of the two months prior and after the flooding of the rink. Mr. Richter is requesting the Council to consider amending the bill to reflect the average usage to the months prior and after the flooding of the rink. His contention is that the water did not go down the drain and into the sewage system, but rather in the yard – similar to sprinkling the lawn.

Budget Impact

Mr. Richter has not paid this bill in full as of this time, but has been making significant payments each month to bring the bill to zero.

Action Required

Discussion and Direction from Council whether to amend the bill.

Skating rink

Scott Richter

wa = 16
 swg = \$ 8.18
 average
 usage
 2000
 gals

Account Master Search | Job Viewer | Richter, Scott ... 811 10

Account History

Overview | History/Detail

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Transaction Date	Tran Type	JE Date	Description	Adjustment Type	Check Number	Total	Budget Actual Total	Currency Ty...	Water
1/12/2016	Billing	1/14/2016				\$534.16	\$0.00		\$23
Service	Rate Code	Tax Code	Fee Code	Detail Code	Amount	Bilable Consump...	Budget Actual Amount	No. of U...	% of Period
Electric		ETAX		Tax	\$0.53	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00
Electric		ETAX		Tax	(\$0.11)	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00
Electric		ETAX		Tax	\$5.37	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00
Electric		ETAX		Tax	\$0.42	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00
Garbage		RGTAX		Tax	\$1.58	0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00
Electric	10			Flat	\$7.75	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Electric	10*			Consumption	(\$1.57)	607.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Electric	10*J			Consumption	\$78.11	607.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Electric	10*L			Consumption	\$6.05	607.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Other Services	40			Flat	\$1.00	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Other Services	41			Flat	\$4.50	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Other Services	43			Flat	\$9.00	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Other Services	46			Flat	\$0.53	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Water	50-3/4			Consumption	\$225.00	230.00	\$0.00	10	100.00
Water	50-3/4			Flat	\$8.50	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Sewer	90-3/4			Consumption	\$146.25	230.00	\$0.00	10	100.00
Sewer	90-3/4			Flat	\$17.00	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Garbage	GARB64			Flat	\$16.25	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Other Services	GIWF			Flat	\$1.00	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Other Services	RESCUE			Flat	\$5.00	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00
Other Services	YW			Flat	\$2.00	0.00	\$0.00	1	100.00

Jan info on
 skating rink
 sewage request

500 some add dollars

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From: Megan Nelson

RE: Request for Microbrewery License

Last November the City was contacted about the process to obtain a license for a microbrewery. At this time there isn't any ordinance that outlines the process or that a license could be obtained.

At this time staff is inquiring if the Council would like to allow breweries and/or distilleries within city limits.

There are other aspects to consider when it comes to brewers and distillers such as tap rooms or cocktail rooms. There is also a difference between breweries and brew pubs.

Before any more time is dedicated to this Council will need to provide direction on if or how they would like staff to move forward with this item.