

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 – 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*The Regular Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for May 17, 2016 was called to order by Council President Mark Olstad 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 Mark Olstad, Council Vice-President Chad Grassel, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Mike Pokrzywinski, Craig Buckalew, and Henry Tweten.*

*Dan Boyce, Water & Light Manager; Greg Boppre, City Engineer; Mark Dragich, Interim Parks & Recreation Director; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Paul Gorte, Economic Development Director; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Gary Larson, Fire Chief; David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; and Megan Nelson, Executive Assistant.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

*The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**OPEN FORUM:**

*“An opportunity for members of the public to address the City Council on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring Council action maybe deferred to staff or Boards and Commissions for research and future Council Agendas if appropriate.”*

**PUBLIC FORUM ON PROPOSED FLYING FIELD SITE:**

Council President Olstad asked those who would like to address the Council to come forward to the podium and state their name and address. Mr. Robert Wagner, 2411 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, informed the Council that he has concerns regarding the proposed model airplane airport. He stated that if the airport had been already located there he would have never moved to the area and that he does not want to see an airport up in this area. He continued saying that he sees it as a noise issue, how currently there are already planes flying up in this area, and that his neighbors dogs go crazy when they do. He explained he has concerns about the traffic going down the half of a street that is 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, the wearing out the street early, and how it there is a dust problem when people drive on the other half of the street. Mr. Wagner said that a lot of these planes carry cameras and even though they are not suppose to be flying over residential areas it doesn't make anyone feel any better about the possible invasion of privacy. He stated that he doesn't believe something of this nature should even be put within the city limits. He commented how with anything there is perception, that currently the Council is trying to spur building in this same area, and how allowing this would be like shooting themselves in the foot. He said how there

is the perception that there can and will be noise or problems. He added how he feels this would be a detriment to the area and that there is city property out by the lagoons that could be used for this.

Council member Vetter asked Mr. Wagner if the City was to block off 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue so it was no longer a thru street if that would make a difference to him. Mr. Wagner said no and that is wasn't so much the traffic but the noise. Council member Vetter stated how the individuals that were currently using this space were not a part of the group that would like to the flying field. He continued saying that if this area was developed into a flying field park the people that used it would have to be a part of the group; that they would follow list of regulations when flying, and asked if any of that would make a difference. Mr. Wagner said no. Council member Vetter stated the rules include not being able to fly over houses, they don't have cameras, and most of the planes are electric so there is minimal noise. He asked if this area was developed the current illegal use of this area would probably stop and they wouldn't have the antagonizing of the dogs or have planes flying over the neighborhood. Mr. Wagner said what it came down to is that there will be some noise regardless if the planes are electric and the biggest thing would be that it was a detriment to the development. Council member Vetter commented that even if this group flies the planes out by the lagoons this still won't prevent people from using this site. Mr. Wagner said there was quite a bit of traffic on the road. Council member Vetter said if the Council looked at the recommendation and moved the group out by the lagoons it still wouldn't stop people from using this area for flying.

Mr. Tom Stennes, 2031 Central Ave NW, said he was the President of the Club and that they have appreciated how receptive the Council has been to learn about the rc flying. He stated that one of the reasons he is standing behind this is because he has seen people flying all over town and how this could be a safer way to do that. He explained how these airplanes have been around for a long time, that the technology is advancing extremely fast, and that it is good technology. He commented how this activity needs to get under control and that is why he is proposing to have a recreational area that would have an AMA approved field along with AMA guidelines for those using the field to follow which are stricter than any ordinances or regulations from the FAA. He stated that this gives the City a way to develop and keep this activity under control. He added there are rogue people out flying, he wasn't sure who they were at this point, and that more than likely they aren't doing things intentionally or realize what they are doing.

Mr. Stennes said that when it comes to traffic, most of these flying sites usually request from the City speed limits of 10 mph and explained how they don't like dust because it isn't good for any of the planes. He said that they would ask for a low speed limit because they do not want dust raised. He stated that there would be some traffic but not a lot and how once the lots are more developed there would be more traffic because of development. He commented how he thinks this would be an asset to the City both development wise and safety wise. He added that making a city isn't a lot of big things but rather little things that come together which include the parks, the trails, and this could be another feather in the City's hat. He ended by saying he would be happy to answer any questions that the Council may have.

Council member Buckalew commented that if the Council voted on the proposed agreement it included two parts for use with the first being a temporary field up by the lagoon which had been mentioned by Mr. Wagner. He asked Mr. Stennes if they were ready to go forward preparing the site on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue for use. Mr. Stennes stated that they were not completely ready because the City was not ready to go out there. He said the contingency plan was to allow the club to use the old dump site which was southwest

of the lagoon. He said in order to keep the club together they need a place to fly and that is why they were going to be using this space which would also take pressure off the City for the site on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He said this would also help them get on their feet, allow for time for the Council to see how this would work, and reminded the Council that this agreement can be ended at any time. He explained how they would like to eventually end up at a permanent site out at the lagoon. Council Vice-President Grassel asked what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Stennes said that most sites flying hours are mostly in the early mornings or late afternoons or possibly hours similar to golfing. He added that there could be some occasions that they may host an event on a weekend.

Council member Tweten asked why this group doesn't go up to the lagoon and then there wouldn't be any issues with it. He stated that Mr. James Wilson has issued a letter to the Mayor and City Council and asked if Mr. Stennes had seen it. Mr. Stennes said he had. Council member Tweten said that he thinks Mr. Wilson puts it well. He continued saying that the City has struggled over the years to develop this area and help the City grow. He stated that what will happen is that this will depreciate property values and in all probability have the City lose some sales. He commented that they wouldn't put an operation like this in the finest residential area on the south end of Grand Forks and if it was such a valuable asset they should put it up over there. He stated how the City had spent a lot of money redoing 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, the college was very interested in this site, and that this was an ideal site to help the college grow. He commented that if they want to injure the college then continue what they were doing or they could go up north by the lagoon. He continued saying how it was said there was no danger but these planes were like a piece of artillery and could be dangerous otherwise they wouldn't be offering the liability policy. He said there was one accident it would be too late and that this will hurt the City. He commented how he had spent more time trying to develop the City than anyone else in the room and he doesn't want the college injured or anything to injure the sale of lots. He stated that he will be voting against this and that there is a threat of a lawsuit. He added this was the best location for the City to put in a full purpose park and this would destroy it.

Mr. Stennes said he doesn't totally agree with Council member Tweten because developing things like parks or an RC Flying Field are an addition to and will help promote the value of the City. He said it may even help promote the sale of the lots. He added he didn't see how it would bring the lot values down. He said there are many cities that are bringing the RC Flying Fields into cities and that this won't hurt the City. He continued saying that as for being dangerous, these planes are not like artillery shells and that these things are here to stay. He added that if the guidelines are followed this would be a recreational area. He commented how some of the things mentioned were on the commercial side and the FAA is very concerned about that and working on it. He said again that this could be a great opportunity for the City. He stated that based on the economic development side of this, there was development in Grand Forks and up in Thief River Falls and the City should take the best they can get or maybe have something develop later. He said the people that work at these places like flying and tend to do it as a hobby, and that this could attract them to purchase a lot which would help increase the tax base.

Council Vice-President Grassel said the map included in the packet shows that the planes would be flying to the east of the site and asked if that was correct. Mr. Stennes said that was correct. Council Vice-President continued saying that the planes would then be flying over a field, that this site is approximately two and a half blocks from the nearest residence, and that these can only fly about 400 feet away from the controller. Mr. Stennes stated that if the planes get too far away from the controller that they will lose contact with the transmitter and go down.

Mayor Stauss asked if this was a temporary site and how long it would be a temporary site. Mr. Stennes said it would be a temporary site and that the interconnect project and decommissioning of the ponds would have to be completed before space is available for the permanent site. He said at this time there isn't an exact time table set yet because of some variables but it would end up being a few years. Mayor Stauss said the Council is listening to how this would be an advantage and good for the City and other taxpayers saying they don't think that it will be good. He continued saying that no one knows for sure if it would be good or bad and that he wouldn't mind watching from a distance but would not like it if this was real close to his home. He said he would like to give them one year, how it shouldn't hurt lot sales or the college in that period of time, and at that time the City would then know if this was good or not. He said he couldn't just go for a three year time frame because this may get many taxpayers upset but that he could go along with possibly one year agreement. Mr. Stennes said this agreement could be terminated in a short amount of time. He explained that it is set up for three years, it could be renewed for an additional three years, but is reviewed annually to see how things are going and that the City could terminate this at any time. Mayor Stauss said that at this time if people are flying illegally, told quick, and if they continue they should receive a fine. Mr. Stennes commented how cities are struggling to pass ordinances regulating this since the federal government and the FAA still haven't set their rules.

Mr. Galstad said to make sure that everyone was on the same page, there were two sites being discussed. Mr. Stennes said that was right. Mr. Galstad asked if the primary site was going to be the old dump site. Mr. Stennes stated that the primary site is the old dump out on the north end of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and because that is not ready and to keep the club intact they are asking to use a space out by the lagoons. He added that they would use the site by the lagoons until the site on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is ready. Mr. Stennes said that there isn't anyone within a mile of the site by the lagoon. Mr. Galstad asked about the second site on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and how that is also a temporary site until they are able to move to their permanent site when the lagoons are decommissioned. Mr. Stennes said that was correct.

Council member Pokrzywinski said it's always difficult when there are opposing views when a decision has to be made. He commented how communities get reputations as being welcoming or unwelcoming. He explained that he sees this as a potential recreational amenity for the City and the people attending the meeting are the kind of people that the City should welcome into the community because they are an involved in an emerging technology that has great potential benefit for the local economy. He added that with the safe guards in place and the regulations they have to follow be a member of the club should help alleviate the fears of the neighborhood. He stated that they will not be able to satisfy them and their fears and that this club deserves a chance. He said that he understands the fears but that he does not necessarily agree with them because the City does have the ability to terminate the agreement if there is an issue.

Council President Olstad commented that he appreciates having a public forum to discuss this which allowed Mr. Wagner coming in to voice his concerns, and to have Mr. Stennes speak for the club. He stated that there was a meeting about two weeks ago about this and asked if someone could come forward and speak about how this can be an educational tool which can be used with geospatial intelligence studies and GIS mapping. He said that this community should embrace things that the kids in the community as well as older people can do. He added that this would just be a temporary site and that they look forward at working with this group to create a site that would be known in the area for flying. He said this could be a great asset that down the road the City will be very proud of. He stated that he understands the concerns but that this will also be temporary. He said that what is great about this is that it is an educational tool and how that is something that is being overlooked. He then asked

for a representative from the University to come speak about how this is educational.

Mr. Ryan Walsh, 1229 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, informed the Council that he was a student at UND and works with the UND Aerospace Foundation. He explained different items he has worked on and that he has taught students how to fly. He stated that there is currently an RC club at the University but there isn't any where to fly. He told the Council that he lives in East Grand Forks with his family. He explained that he has shown his kids how to build airplanes out of different kinds of materials. He said the value he sees in this is getting the kids involved by teaching them to make something that flies which gets them out of the house. He added this is something many kids could be involved with because this is the way the technology is going. He said even at the University the students are taught how to build an aircraft, how to incorporate systems, and even to include a backup plan. He said as an outsider looking in they could be weary of University aged kids using the field. He explained that he is a commercially licensed pilot and if he violates any FAA regulations or is suspected of violating FAA regulations he would be subject to significant action of having his certificates pulled and he would have to start all over again. He said the students at UND are expected to perform at a high level and they generally do. He commented how they are responsible for a \$500,000 up to \$2 million aircraft that they fly so they are generally responsible people. He added that he would like to see the City have place to go and test what they have built. He stated how he has reused items to build a plane to fly which had been used in a demonstration. He said a field like this would work great for him and his kids so they are able to test the planes they have made. He explained the kids that fly are connected to buddy box so an experienced pilot could take over at any time in the case the kid gets into any type trouble. He stated how this controlled area will help, people can be told where they can fly, and that this is a great opportunity to see where this can go.

Council President Olstad asked if there are any other questions or comments. There were none. He thanked everyone for coming in and making comments regarding concerns as well as support for this.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Consider approving the minutes and summary of the "Regular Meeting & Closed Session" for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council of May 3, 2016.
2. Consider approving the minutes of the "Work Session" for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council of May 10, 2016.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO APPROVE ITEMS ONE (1) AND TWO (2).**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

**SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE**

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

3. Public Hearing on the Tax Abatement Request from Northern Valley Machine.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

Mr. Gorte explained that Northern Valley Machine was trying to expand and have asked for assistance from the City in the form of a loan which had been approved already by the EDA and by tax abatement. He stated that the City has approximately \$140,000 available in the border enterprise tax credits and how they are requesting a five year abatement of \$20,000 which is in line with the city policy. He added these programs are helping retain a business in East Grand Forks and that Mr. Walski was at the meeting to answer any questions.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

**CONSENT AGENDA: NONE**

Items under the "Consent Agenda" will be adopted with one motion; however, council members may request individual items to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion and action if they choose.

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

4. Regular meeting minutes and minute summary of the Economic Development Authority Board for April 5, 2016.
5. Regular meeting minutes of the Water, Light, Power, and Building Commission for April 21, 2016.

**COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

6. Consider approving the agreement between the City of East Grand Forks and the Red River RC Flyers Chapter 490 allowing the city property referenced in the agreement to be used as a flying field site.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS AND THE RED RIVER RC FLYERS CHAPTER 490 ALLOWING THE CITY PROPERTY REFERENCED IN THE AGREEMENT TO BE USED AS A FLYING FIELD SITE.**

*Voting Aye: Olstad, Grassel, Vetter, Pokrzywinski, and Buckalew.*

*Voting Nay: Tweten\*.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

*\*Council member Tweten asked to have his vote changed after the meeting was adjourned to nay because he does not support this agreement.*

7. Consider adopting Resolution No. 16-05-48 granting Border City Development Tax Credits and approving the business subsidy agreement between the City of East Grand Forks and Walski Properties.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-48 GRANTING BORDER CITY DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDITS AND APPROVING THE BUSINESS SUBSIDY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS AND WALSKI PROPERTIES.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

8. Consider approving the request to hire a baseball coordinator for the Park and Recreation Department to start at a salary of \$15.50 per hour with a start date of May 18, 2016 and will work until the end of the 2016 baseball season.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO HIRE A BASEBALL COORDINATOR FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO START AT A SALARY OF \$15.50 PER HOUR WITH A START DATE OF MAY 18, 2016 AND WILL WORK UNTIL THE END OF THE 2016 BASEBALL SEASON.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

9. Consider awarding the job for the construction of a garage at the cemetery to Dan Cariveau Construction for a total of \$17,700.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO AWARD THE JOB FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE AT THE CEMETERY TO DAN CARIVEAU CONSTRUCTION FOR A TOTAL OF \$17,700.**

Council member Pokrzywinski stated that at the work session the Council has discussed possible alternatives which included speaking with Good Sam to see if space was available to store items for the cemetery. He said that he had spoken with them, there was space available at this time, so if the City wanted to take some time and look further into the plans for the garage this could be an alternative. He

added he would favor holding off on the project until next season. Council President Olstad asked if the plans were reviewed for the anticipation that it may be added onto. Mr. Dragich said they had some, that there was space available for an addition, and something they could pursue. Council member Olstad asked how that would change things such as appearance of the building or costs. Mr. Dragich stated they didn't know that yet. Council member Buckalew asked to have this item tabled especially if they are able to reach an agreement with Good Sam to help give the Council more time to make decisions about this project. Mayor Stauss asked if Valley Golf has storage available. Mr. Dragich said they didn't have any private space.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO TABLE THIS ITEM.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers*

10. Consider approving the request to start the process utilizing \_\_\_\_\_ for hiring a new Parks and Recreation Director.

Mr. Murphy said the Council has two options for hiring a Park and Rec Director. He explained they could complete this process in-house by using the Civil Service Commission or the Council could decide to use a headhunting firm. He stated that the City has used Springsted before. He continued saying if they decided to use Springsted for this hiring process the cost would be \$21,500 which would come with a one year guarantee or the basic search would be \$16,000 without a guarantee. He said he is comfortable moving forward with keeping this process in-house and using the Civil Service. Council President Olstad commented that he would lean towards the in-house process. Council member Pokrzywinski said this position could attract very good candidates from the region and would favor doing this hiring in-house. Council member Vetter said he could go either way. Council President Olstad asked if there any issues moving forward with in-house.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO START THE PROCESS UTILIZING THE IN-HOUSE PROCESS FOR HIRING A NEW PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

11. Consider approving the following On-sale Weekday & Sunday Liquor Licenses Applicant Renewals:

- a. VFW Post 3817 located at 312 Demers Ave East Grand Forks, MN 56721
- b. Blue Moose Bar & Grill located at 507 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721
- c. Eagles Club 350 located at 227 10<sup>th</sup> St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721
- d. Mike's Pizza located at 411 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721
- e. East Grand Lanes located at 1500 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE East Grand Forks, MN 56721

- f. Casa Mexico Restaurant located at 112 14<sup>th</sup> St NE East Grand Forks MN 56721
- g. American Legion #157 located at 1009 Central Ave NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, TO APPROVE THE ON-SALE WEEKDAY & SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES APPLICANT RENEWALS.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

12. Consider approving the following Off-sale Non-Intoxicating Malt Liquor License Applicant Renewal for East Side Travel Plaza located at 607 Gateway Dr NE East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO APPROVE THE OFF-SALE NON-INTOXICATING MALT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICANT RENEWAL FOR EAST SIDE TRAVEL PLAZA LOCATED AT 607 GATEWAY DR NE EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

13. Consider approving the following Off-sale Intoxicating Liquor License Applicant Renewals:

- a. Pop's Liquor located at 122 4<sup>th</sup> St NE East Grand Forks, MN 56721
- b. Hugo's Wine & Spirits located at 310 14<sup>th</sup> St NE East Grand Forks, MN 56721

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, TO APPROVE THE OFF-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICANT RENEWALS.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers*

14. Consider approving the On-sale Weekday & Sunday Liquor License Applicant Renewal from Valley Golf located at 2407 River Rd NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO APPROVE THE ON-SALE WEEKDAY & SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICANT RENEWAL FROM VALLEY GOLF LOCATED AT 2407 RIVER RD NW EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

15. Consider approving the On-sale Wine and On-sale Non-Intoxicating Liquor License Applicant Renewal for Tao Garden located at 302 Demers Ave East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO APPROVE THE ON-SALE WINE AND ON-SALE NON-INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICANT RENEWAL FOR TAO GARDEN LOCATED AT 302 DEMERS AVE EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

16. Consider adopting Resolution No. 16-05-49 authorizing the imposition of a \$3000 per lot surcharge for sales initiated by the action of a realtor and would cause the need for the payment of a commission.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-49 AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A \$3000 PER LOT SURCHARGE FOR SALES INITIATED BY THE ACTION OF A REALTOR AND WOULD CAUSE THE NEED FOR THE PAYMENT OF A COMMISSION.**

Mayor Stauss asked if all of the lots have to be sold through a realtor or if individuals can still come in and purchase a lot. Council President Olstad stated that this would just affect the sales if a realtor is involved. Mr. Gorte said this was being done because the City was no longer using the MLS and will only occur when the sale is initiated by a realtor, not every sale. Mayor Stauss asked to have the realtors let their clients know. Mr. Gorte stated that he had informed Forx Builders about this.

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

**CLAIMS:**

17. Consider adopting Resolution No. 16-05-50 authorizing the City of East Grand Forks to approve purchases from Hardware Hank the goods referenced in check numbers 24121 for a total of \$736.86 whereas Council Member Buckalew is personally interested financially in the contract.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TWETEN, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-50 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS TO APPROVE PURCHASES FROM HARDWARE HANK THE GOODS REFERENCED IN CHECK NUMBERS 24121 FOR A TOTAL OF \$736.86 WHEREAS COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED FINANCIALLY IN THE CONTRACT.**

*Voting Aye: Olstad, Grassel, Vetter, Pokrzywinski, and Tweten.*

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

*Abstain: Buckalew.*

18. Consider authorizing the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer to issue payment of recommended bills and payroll.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS AND PAYROLL.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:**

Mayor Stauss asked when the pool was scheduled to open. Mr. Dragich stated June 5<sup>th</sup> was the target date.

Council Member Pokrzywinski reminded the Council that next Monday evening from 5:00pm until 7:00pm the Forx Builders was going to be hosting an event at Valley Golf which was a joint effort between the EDA, the Water and Light Department, and Valley Golf to showcase the amenity available. He added that everyone was invited and welcome to attend.

Council President Olstad stated that he wanted to bring up that it was National Police Appreciation week, that there was a service in Grand Forks, and that he would like to thank Chief Hedlund and his officers for what they do.

Mr. Murphy said the new intern had started and was in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Dragich informed the Council that Thursday was Arbor Day and the Arbor Day Celebration would be taking place in Grand Forks this year at the Discovery Elementary School. He added that Council member Buckalew would be in attendance to speak on East Grand Forks' behalf and invited everyone to the event which would be starting at 9:30am.

**ADJOURN:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 17, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:58 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: DeMers.*

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David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer