

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for August 23, 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, Henry Tweten, and Marc DeMers (5:01 PM).

Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Steve Emery, City Engineer; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Paul Gorte, Economic Development Director; Rod Hajicek, Detective Lieutenant; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Gary Larson, Fire Chief; 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.

1. Consider adopting Resolution No. 16-08-76 approving the hiring of Reid Huttunen as the Park and Recreation Superintendent at a starting salary of \$66,383.86 per year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-08-76 APPROVING THE HIRING OF REID HUTTUNEN AS THE PARK AND RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT AT A STARTING SALARY OF \$66,383.86 PER YEAR.

Council member Tweten stated that he had received a letter regarding the appointment of the new Parks Superintendent. He commented how the Civil Service has proper procedure to follow which includes approving three people for a second interview. He reminded everyone that Mr. Dragich had not been passed on for a second interview and that he disagrees with this situation. He continued saying how the Civil Service needs to be monitored, they should have term limits, and the Council needs to look at their performance. He added that is strongly objects to this and that every appointment and employee are important. Council member Buckalew called the question.

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

Voting Nay: Tweten.

Abstain: Olstad.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 23, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:05 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer