

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for July 27, 2010 was called to order by Council President Dick Grassel 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 Dick Grassel, Council Vice President Henry Tweten, Council Members Marc DeMers, Craig Buckalew, Wayne Gregoire, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Dan Boyce, Water & Light Manager; Nancy Ellis, Planning & Zoning; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Stuart Kovar, Public Works Foreman; and Jim Richter, EDHA Director.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Project – Steve Jacobson, Norman County Commissioner

Mr. Jacobson, Norman County Commissioner, stated that Norman County is opposed to the diversion project and would like an extension to the public comment timeframe. He informed City Council that the proposed project would impact Norman County's typical flood fight by up to 17 inches. Mr. Gust would like to see the impact study done prior to voting on the project. Mayor Stauss announced that Senator Franken and Senator Klobuchar would want to know the impact before moving forward as well. Mr. Gust stated that Mr. Boppre has been in contact with the Corp and they stated that they may have results for East Grand Forks in September or October. This item will be referred to City Council for support.

2. Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) – Dave Aker

Mr. Aker announced that the City will receive \$1000 from the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) for signs along the trails to promote healthy communities. Mr. Aker stated that \$1000 would provide about 29 signs in East Grand Forks. Mr. Huizenga announced that the City is also working on an internal wellness program. This item will be referred to City Council for action.

3. Playground Equipment at Campground – Dave Aker

Mr. Aker presented two options at \$40,000 for playground equipment to be placed at the Red River Valley Recreation Area. He suggested going with Midwest Playscapes, Inc. Council President Grassel stated that the DNR has approved the equipment.

4. Street Repairs – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga announced that the corner of 4th St. NE and 3rd Ave. NE need to be repaired. Opp Construction had the low bid of \$17,900.00. He stated that the corner of Bygland Road and 7th St. SE also needs to be repaired. Opp Construction also had the low bid of \$10,100.00. This item will be referred to City Council to award the bid.

5. Other

Council President Grassel announced that they met with Rhinehart Township regarding the road near Laurel Drive. Public Works will remove the sign on the road.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUCKALEW, TO ADJOURN THE JULY 27, 2010 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:40 P.M.

Voting Aye: Grassel, Buckalew, Tweten, Gregoire, Leigh, Pokrzywinski, and DeMers.

Voting Nay: None.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer