

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE  
EAST GRAND FORKS  
CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010 – 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for August 24, 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, Wayne Gregoire, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

*Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Brad Bail, City Engineer; Nancy Ellis, Planning & Zoning; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and John Wachter, Public Works Superintendent.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**1. FM Diversion - Red River Basin Commission**

Brenda Elmer and Janeen Stenso, Red River Basin Commission, asked the City Council what concerns East Grand Forks had regarding the FM Diversion project. Council Member Leigh stated that we what effect the diversion is going to have on East Grand Forks before we can determine what is needed. Mayor Stauss announced that East Grand Forks is not against the project, we just need to know what effect it will have on us. The costs that the City accrues for putting up the walls, building dikes, and having bridges closed affects the budget and area businesses. Council Vice President Tweten informed the Red River Basin Commission that East Grand Forks depends on Grand Forks for medical, if the bridge is closed, we have no option. The City needs higher bridges. Discussion continued regarding the upstream and downstream of communities. Council Member Pokrzywinski suggested changing the attitude of the Mayor of Fargo, the City of East Grand Forks is not opposed to the project, just convince us on how you are going to mitigate.

**2. Safe Routes to School – Scott Huizenga**

Mr. Huizenga stated that the bids came in about \$50,000 higher than what was projected. He stated that we can either proceed or reject the bids and rebid next spring. Council Member Leigh suggested that the Council reject the bids. Mr. Huizenga stated that the funding will be available next year.

**3. Rescue Unit Fee/Rural Fire Agreement – Scott Huizenga**

Mr. Huizenga stated that the Council already adopted a Resolution requesting the implementation and administration of a rescue unit fee to the Polk County Board of Commissioners. He suggested that the City Council adopt a Resolution adding a \$5 fee on all utility bill customers effective January 1, 2011 and adding \$10,000 to the township agreement for fire services. This item will be referred to Council for action.

**4. Trees for the Campground – Dave Aker**

Mr. Aker announced that he received two bids for 273 trees and shrubs for the Red River State Recreation Area. Tim Shea Nursery, Inc. came in at \$20,100 and Wagner's Landscaping, Inc. at \$13,883.25. Mr. Aker suggested going with the lower bid from Wagner's Landscaping. Mayor Stauss informed City Council that he would go along with this project but the State needs to do more. Discussion occurred regarding the concern of the Emerald Ash Tree disease.

**ADJOURN**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 24, 2010 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None.*

*Absent: Buckalew.*

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Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer