

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
Tuesday, October 12, 2010 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for October 12, 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, Craig Buckalew, Wayne Gregoire, and Mike Pokrzywinski.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Greg Boppre, City Engineer; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; and Jim Richter, EDHA Director.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. LaFave Multi-Use Trail

Mr. Huizenga stated that he held a conference call with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) along with Mr. Boppre and Mr. Aker. DNR officials stated that the City could request scope changes to the proposed trail project. Any existing roads could not be included as grant expenditures for the trail unless the road was closed to automobile traffic. Mr. Huizenga also stated that he believed local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds could be used for the city match based on the 2010 Jobs Bill legislation and the original legislation that established the boundaries of the Red River State Recreational Area (RRSRA).

Council President Grassel and Council Vice President Tweten expressed support for the existing trail proposal. Mayor Stauss also supported the existing proposal with the premise that the City may deed some RRSRA lands back to state ownership. Council Member Buckalew stated that he favored the project if TIF funds are allowed for the City match. Council Member Pokrzywinski expressed support for the existing proposal.

2. Street Maintenance Parking Proposal

Chief Hedlund introduced a proposed ordinance that would change street maintenance parking to an year-round schedule. The City would divide the maintenance into districts so that parking would be restricted

in each district one day per week year-round. Chief Hedlund also proposed to change snow emergency parking enforcement to a 24-hour tag system. The Chief stated that this would lead to better enforcement and fewer resident complaints.

Mayor Stauss stated that a restriction of one day per week was reasonable.

3. Sick Leave Donation Policy

Mr. Huizenga introduced a proposed resolution to implement a sick leave donation policy into the Personnel Policy manual. He stated that the draft had been prepared for some time; and that the plan was to incorporate the policy into an overall policy manual revision. Recent events necessitated that the City adopt Sick Leave Donation Policy before the full Personnel Policy revision was presented for approval.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 12, 2010 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:28 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: DeMers, Leigh.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer