

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for October 26, 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:

Brad Bail, City Engineer; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and John Wachter, Public Works Superintendent; Tim Brooks, Paid on Call Fire Fighter, Paul Hansen, Fire Fighter.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Assessment Rolls – 09 AJ No. 2 - 09 AJ No. 4 - 10 AJ No. 1 - 08 CP No.1

Mr. Bail and Mr. Huizenga presented the proposed 2010 Assessment rolls. The City Council certified the roll for Laurel Dr (10 AJ No. 1) earlier in the year. Finals costs were lower than certified; so the City would re-certify the roll to reflect the decreased cost. One property would be certified for 2008 City Project No. 1, which was a change order to Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase I that installed new parking and sidewalks for one property.

2. Fire Fighter Relief Association

Tim Brooks, Treasurer, and Paul Hansen, President appeared on behalf of the Fire Fighters Relief Association. Mr. Brooks explained that recent market losses did not allow the relief association to maintain a certified volunteer pension amount of \$2300 per year of service. He requested a city contribution of \$11,336 to maintain the current level. Without the city contribution, the per year service pension would be \$2100, which was ratified by the City in 2006.

Council Vice President Tweten asked how many members are in the relief association. Mr. Brooks responded that the association had 30 members.

Mr. DeMers asked how the relief association decided to increase its pension level to \$2300 without City ratification.

Mayor Stauss stated that most people lost retirement savings in the recent market downturn; and that he did not feel that the City should contribute.

Mr. Brooks stated that approximately 2/3 of Minnesota cities with lump-sum retirement plans contribute to the relief associations. He said that the City would have to contribute to the fund by December 31 in order for the relief association to report the certified pension level to the state.

3. Bleacher Repair at Stauss Park

Mr. Huizenga presented quotes for replacement of bleachers at Stauss Park. The City's property insurance would cover the expenses as a result of damage sustained from wind damage.

4. Duct Replacement at Lift Station #1 – John Wachter

Mr. Wachter presented quotes for duct replacement at Lift Station #1.

5. Other Business

Council President Grassel reported that the campground should report approximately \$211,000 in revenue for the 2011 season. This is an increase from approximately \$175,000 in 2009. The City will see some increased revenue through the new partnership with the Department of Natural Resources.

ADJOURN

THE OCTOBER 26, 2010 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:41 P.M.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer