

**APPROVED  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
OF THE  
EAST GRAND FORKS  
CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010 – 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for October 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, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.*

**STAFF PRESENT**

*Dan Boyce, Water and Light General Manager; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator, and Erin Johnson, Accounting Technician*

**OTHERS PRESENT**

*Mark Brickson, Water and Light Commission Chair, Marilyn Ogden, Water and Light Commissioner*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**1. EDHA – Jim Richter**

Mr. Richter presented a summary of EDHA operations including staff and annual expenditures. Council discussed housing issues including Section 8 programs and down payment assistance. Future development plans include a possible Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop city-owned land with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) assistance. Other TIF possibilities include improvements to the LaFave Park area for events including Catfish Days.

**2. Water and Light Department – Dan Boyce**

Mr. Boyce presented a summary of Water and Light operations and the 2011 Proposed Budget. Council discussed utility rates and the department's fund balance policy. The proposed water rate increase is \$0.10 per 1000 gallons, which would equate to approximately \$0.43 per month for the average residence. Mr. Boyce indicated that he hoped to hold base electric rates constant. The Council also discussed the Water and Light labor negotiations. And the Commissioners present indicated their approval of changing

the logo and the name of the utility bill to “City of East Grand Forks Services” because there are many non-utility charges on the bill.

### **3. Other Business**

Mr. Huizenga discussed the remainder of the budget schedule for November and December.

**ADJOURN**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:18 P.M.**