

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
OF THE
EAST GRAND FORKS
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for January 11, 2011 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 (5:04 pm), Council President Dick Grassel, Council Vice President Craig Buckalew, Council Members Marc DeMers, Henry Tweten, Wayne Gregoire, Mike Pokrzywinski, and Greg Leigh.

STAFF PRESENT

Dave Aker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Dan Boyce, Water & Light Manager; Michelle French, Executive Assistant; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Randy Gust, Fire Chief; Rodney Hajicek, Lieutenant; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Scott Huizenga, City Administrator; Jim Richter, EDHA Director; and John Wachter, Public Works Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

1. Local Government Aid (LGA) – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga stated that the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities requests that member cities pass a resolution in support of Local Government Aid (LGA). Mr. Huizenga recommended adopting a Resolution opposing further cuts to LGA and incorporate the resolution into the City's legislative platform. He also requests the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce to adopt a similar resolution opposing the elimination of LGA.

Council Member Tweten suggested going down on February 9, 2011 to the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Action Day to voice the City's concern. He stated that the personnel is already down from 106 to 100. Council Member Pokrzywinski stated that the MN Chamber of Commerce is supported by the metropolitan area and that it is very important for our Chamber of Commerce support the City of East Grand Forks.

Mr. Wilfahrt, Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Board will need to meet to discuss the resolution opposing the elimination of LGA. He informed City Council that the GF/EGF Chamber is not a federation member of the MN Chamber of Commerce.

2. 2011 Legislative Priorities – Scott Huizenga

Mr. Huizenga stated that the City established its formal legislative priorities for presentation to state officials. He suggested LGA, levy limits, bonding for the Waste Water Improvements Phase II, Red River State Recreation Area, mandate relief, and street improvement districts. Council Member Leigh suggested a learning center, fishing pier, and fix the parking lot by the boat ramp. Council Member Pokrzywinski stated that he is concerned about the parking if the learning center goes in the downtown area. Council President Grassel discussed the parking that would be added in front of the boardwalk. Discussion occurred regarding the need of the Waste Water Improvements Phase II project.

3. Police Department HVAC System Replacement – Chief Hedlund

Mr. Hajicek informed City Council on the current problems with humidity and uneven heating/cooling with the current HVAC system at the Police Department. Xcel Energy did an energy audit of the facility in May 2009 and EAPC did an Energy Evaluation in May 2010. He indicated that both reports recommended a new HVAC system. The EAPC report was provided to each of the six companies. Proposals were submitted by McFarlane, Grand Forks Heating, and Custom Aire. Mr. Hajicek went through all proposals.

Council Member Tweten stated that Water & Light energy savings program could be involved. Mayor Stauss suggested looking at rafters for the building. City Council would like to know if the individual systems would create a noise concern and look at new windows. This item will be discussed at a future work session.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREGOIRE, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 11, 2011 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:39 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Scott Huizenga, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer