

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for May 21, 2019 was called to order by Council President Olstad 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 Steve Gander, Council President Mark Olstad, Council Vice-President Chad Grassel, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Dale Helms, Tim Riopelle, and Marc DeMers.

Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Steve Emery, City Engineer; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Paul Gorte, Economic Development Director; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Reid Huttunen, Parks and Recreation Superintendent; David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Keith Mykleseth, Water & Light Manager; Megan Nelson, City Clerk; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

SWEARING IN OF NEW CORPORALS:

Chief Hedlund introduced Officers Ryan Douglas, Nick Gunderson, Jake Thompson, Nick Anderson, and Alex Schilke and stated this would be there officially swearing in. He proceeded with the swearing in of the new corporals, which was followed by their family members pinning on their new badges. Chief Hedlund then presented the first corporals in the history of the East Grand Forks Police Department.

OPEN FORUM:

Council President Olstad stated the open forum was an opportunity for members of the public to address the City Council on items not on the current agenda and items requiring Council action may be deferred to staff or Boards and Commissions for research and future Council Agendas if appropriate. He asked if anyone who would like to address the City Council would step up to the podium.

Mr. Abdirisak Duale and Ms. Deka Ali introduced themselves to the Council. Ms. Ali explained that Saturday they had invited the community to the Islamic Center to be a part of their fasting. She stated that there was a good turnout at the event and they have been working on blending the community. She stated they have been working with others on this effort and they would like to show their appreciation by handing out some certificates. She said they had one for the Mayor for the work he has done, how it takes a leader to understand what a community is for, and they really appreciate him taking the baby steps of acknowledging the different cultures and trying to make this one community. Mayor Gander then stepped

down to accept his certificate and commented that he has noticed how well they are maintaining their property; they are being very good neighbors, and they have met with him multiple times. He added he appreciates their attitude, how they have shared their plans for the future, and they have developed a trust factor and become friends. He thanked them for the certificate.

Ms. Ali then presented a certificate of appreciation from her personally to the City of East Grand Forks. She explained she came to the City in July of 2016, she started her first job with the school district, and she became the voice for people. She stated they all appreciate the kindness, the open hands, and the open hearts that welcomed them into the community. She added she would like to present a certificate of appreciation to the City and that she appreciates all of the Council being a part of this community. President Olstad and Mr. Murphy came forward and accepted the certificate on behalf of the City. Ms. Ali said the next certificate was for Ms. Nelson for being the connection, setting up meetings, and they appreciate her time. Mr. Huttunen was also presented a certificate for the work he had done.

Ms. Ali stated the last certificate was for the Campbell Library. She explained how there may be children there who may not understand the language but there is always someone there trying to communicate with them at the library and this has been a very welcoming environment for the kids. She said she really appreciates that and presented the certificate to Ms. Helgeson and Ms. Flaws from the Campbell Library. Mr. Duale thanked the Council for allowing them this time to present these certificates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Council Meeting” for the East Grand Forks Minnesota City Council of May 7, 2019.
2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session” for the East Grand Forks Minnesota City Council of May 14, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO APPROVE ITEMS ONE (1) AND TWO (2).

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, and Helms.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Johnson.

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items under the “Consent Agenda” will be adopted with one motion; however, council members may request individual items to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion and action if they choose.

3. Consider approving the Special Event Application for Sickies Garage allowing them to reserve spaces along Demers Ave and a few parking lot spaces for their weekly Wednesday Bike Night event taking place starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day in 2019.
4. Consider adopting Resolution No. 19-05-28 approving the 2019 update of the CAT Title VI and LEP Plan subject to FTA review and approval.

5. Consider awarding the annual sewer cleaning and televising project to Johnson Jet-Line for a total of \$125,782.62.
6. Consider approving the Temporary Liquor License Application for the Eagles Club 350 for the Chamber After Hours Event on June 20, 2019 in the Hugo's parking lot located at 306 14th St NE East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
7. Consider approving the Special Event Application for Extreme North Dakota Racing for the 36 mile down river swim on June 15, 2019 from 5:30am until 9:30pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO APPROVE ITEMS THREE (3) THROUGH SEVEN (7).

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, and Helms.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Johnson.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Consider approving the following On-sale Weekday & On-sale Sunday Liquor License Applicant Renewals: - All businesses are in good standing with the City.
 - a. Valley Golf Association located at 2407 River Road NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - b. VFW Post 3817 located at 312 Demers Ave NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - c. Casa Mexico Restaurant located at 112 14th St NE East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - d. Mike's Pizza & Pub located at 411 2nd St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - e. Eagles Club 350 located at 227 10th St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721
 - f. Up North Pizza Pub located at 314 4th St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - g. American Legion Post 157 located at 1009 Central Ave NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - h. Little Bangkok located at 415 2nd St NW Suite 1 East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO APPROVE THE LISTED ON-SALE WEEKDAY & ON-SALE SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICANT RENEWALS.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, and Helms.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Johnson.

9. Consider approving the Off-sale Non-Intoxicating Malt Liquor License for Orton’s Point Tesoro located at 504 Rhinehart Dr SE East Grand Forks, MN 56721. – This business is in good standing with the City.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO APPROVE THE OFF-SALE NON-INTOXICATING MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ORTON’S POINT TESORO LOCATED AT 504 RHINEHART DR SE EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721. – THIS BUSINESS IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE CITY.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, and Helms.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Johnson.

CLAIMS:

10. Consider authorizing the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer to issue payment of recommended bills and payroll.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS AND PAYROLL.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, and Helms.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Johnson.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor Gander said a group was going to be meeting on Friday to discuss the Governor’s fishing opener for 2021. He explained that Stephanie Bernstrom had attended the fishing opener this year and will have information to share from that event. He added how May 29th there will be a site visit from Minnesota Tourism. He asked if the development plan would be ready for the 29th. Mr. Emery said it would be ready. Mayor Gander commented that it would be a good thing to share during the site visit on the 29th. Mr. Emery said they are focusing on the boat ramp and parking areas. Mayor Gander reminded everyone that the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau is taking the lead on this event and they are working on a budget for this event.

Council Member DeMers asked if the Council would be seeing the development plan on Tuesday. Mr. Emery said they should have something for the Council to see on Tuesday.

Mr. Emery told the Council Opp Construction was wrapping up the sidewalk project along Greenway Boulevard, driveways were opened up today, and he thanked the residents for their patience during this project. He continued saying that without rain they would be able to finish the landscaping this week. He added that there is a water main replacement being done by Spruce Valley Contracting in the Forrest Court area and those were the only construction projects at this time.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER VETTER, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 21, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:19 P.M.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, and Helms.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Johnson.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer