

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE CITY
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for October 22, 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 Members Clarence Vetter, Dale Helms, Tim Riopelle, Tim Johnson, and Marc DeMers.

Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Steve Emery, City Engineer; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Paul Gorte, Economic Development Director; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Reid Huttunen, Parks and Recreation Superintendent; David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; and Megan Nelson, City Clerk.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Public Hearing for 2019 Assessment Job No. 1 – Curb, Gutter, & Paving on 6th Avenue NE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2019 ASSESSMENT JOB NO. 1 – CURB, GUTTER, & PAVING ON 6TH AVENUE NE.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Johnson, Olstad, DeMers, Vetter, and Riopelle.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Grassel.

Mr. Emery said this was the final assessment hearing for the paving and storm water improvements. He explained the bids were opened on September 13th, they were good for 60 days, and any objections were supposed to have been received by the time of the hearing. He reviewed the costs of the storm water improvements that were \$81,504.04, the paving improvements were \$429,562.80, for a total project cost of \$511,062.84, which would be 100% assessed. He stated the specials could be prepaid, the assessment would be for 20 years at 4.5%, and the first installment would be added to the 2021 property tax statement. He asked if there were any questions.

Council member Helms asked if the project would move forward if this were approved or if the property owners could still object. Mr. Galstad explained the project would move forward when the Council awards the project and the property owners would have needed to provide a notice of objection by the time of this hearing. He added the property owners submitted a petition for this project, no written objections were received, and they do not have another opportunity to object to this project. Council member Helms asked if they were still able to take this to court. Mr. Galstad stated they would have had to object during the hearing before taking this to court. Mr. Emery added he had met with three of the four property owners and sent the information to the other property owner. Ms. Nelson added the resolution was only adopting the assessment roll and not awarding the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2019 ASSESSMENT JOB NO. 1 – CURB, GUTTER, & PAVING ON 6TH AVENUE NE.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Johnson, Olstad, DeMers, Vetter, and Riopelle.
Voting Nay: None.
Absent: Grassel.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider adopting Resolution No. 19-10-70 adopting assessment roll #342 for the 2019 Assessment Job No. 1 – Curb, Gutter, and Paving for a total assessment of \$511,062.84.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-10-70 ADOPTING ASSESSMENT ROLL #342 FOR THE 2019 ASSESSMENT JOB NO. 1 – CURB, GUTTER, AND PAVING FOR A TOTAL ASSESSMENT OF \$511,062.84.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Johnson, Olstad, DeMers, Vetter, and Riopelle.
Voting Nay: None.
Absent: Grassel.

3. Consider approving new On-sale Weekday & On-sale Sunday Liquor applications for the following locations:
 - a. River Cinema Inc located at 211 Demers Ave Suite 4A East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - b. River Cinema Inc located at 211 Demers Ave Suite 4B East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HELMS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO APPROVE NEW ON-SALE WEEKDAY & ON-SALE SUNDAY LIQUOR APPLICATIONS FOR RIVER CINEMA INC LOCATED AT 211 DEMERS AVE SUITES 4A AND 4B EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Johnson, Olstad, DeMers, Vetter, and Riopelle.
Voting Nay: None.
Absent: Grassel.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HELMS, TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:10 P.M.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Johnson, Olstad, DeMers, Vetter, and Riopelle.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Grassel.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer