

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE CITY
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for December 10, 2019 was called to order by Council President Olstad at 6:02 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, Tim Johnson, and Marc DeMers.

Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Paul Gorte, Economic Development Director; Mike Hedlund, Police Chief; Reid Huttunen, Parks and Recreation Superintendent; and Megan Nelson, City Clerk.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Public Hearing for the consideration of a 5% increase to the tax levy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Council President Olstad asked if Ms. Anderson had any new information. Ms. Anderson said no. Council President Olstad asked if the Council had any questions. Council member DeMers asked if staff had received any phone calls from residents since the truth and taxation statements had come out. Ms. Anderson said she was not aware of any. Ms. Nelson said she was not aware of any phone calls or emails from residents regarding the truth and taxation statements. Mayor Gander said several people told him they are thankful it was a reasonable increase in taxes this year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Voting Nay: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider adopting Resolution No. 19-12-85 approving a 5% increase to the 2019 tax levy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-12-85 APPROVING A 5% INCREASE TO THE 2019 TAX LEVY.

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

Voting Nay: None.

3. Consider adopting Resolution No. 19-12-86 approving the 2020 budget and to authorize specific financial related activities.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-12-86 APPROVING THE 2020 BUDGET AND TO AUTHORIZE SPECIFIC FINANCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES.

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

Voting Nay: None.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 10, 2019 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:04 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer