

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 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, Tim Johnson, and Marc DeMers.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council from May 26, 2020.
2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Special Council Meeting” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council from May 29, 2020.
3. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Council Meeting” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council from June 2, 2020.
4. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session” for the East Grand Forks, Minnesota City Council from June 9, 2020.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO APPROVE ITEMS ONE (1) THROUGH FOUR (4).

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

Voting Nay: None.

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

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.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

5. Regular meeting minutes of the Water, Light, Power, and Building Commission for May 20, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Consider to approve the rejection of the quote for the 2020 City Project No. 3 ADA Improvements and Bus Shelter Replacement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO APPROVE THE REJECTION OF THE QUOTE FOR THE 2020 CITY PROJECT NO. 3 ADA IMPROVEMENTS AND BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT.

Council member DeMers asked if the affirmative rejects the quote. Council President Olstad said that was correct.

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

Voting Nay: None.

7. Consider adopting Resolution No. 20-06-41 ordering improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for improvements to Demers Avenue and Business Highway 2 utilizing the Minnesota Department of Transportation Local Partnership Program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-41 ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO DEMERS AVENUE AND BUSINESS HIGHWAY 2 UTILIZING THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Council member Helms asked if meant the project will be done or if this is just entering into the partnership for plans. Council President Olstad said nothing was being awarded and this was just ordering the plans and specifications for the project.

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

Voting Nay: None.

8. Consider adopting Resolution No. 20-06-42 approving the year-end transfers for budget year 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-42 APPROVING THE YEAR-END TRANSFERS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2019.

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

Voting Nay: None.

CLAIMS:

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

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

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

Voting Nay: None.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor Gander thanked Mayor Michael Brown for his 20 years of service to the area. He stated Mayor Brown is a true public servant and patriot. He commented how at public functions people walked up to him and thank him for delivering their baby and the community is a better place from Mayor Brown's leadership and service. He added he is looking forward to forming a great relationship with Mayor-elect Bochenski. He stated how he likes his energy, enthusiasm, and he has many life experiences to be effective as a mayor, playing a team sport at the professional level is great training for public service, and his knowledge of real estate will prove to be invaluable in helping community development. He added how he plans on meeting with him soon. Mayor Gander thanked Mr. Stordahl and the staff at Public Works for the work they did during clean up week.

Council Member Helms said he went to lunch at the Boardwalk on the deck, it was an awesome view, and suggested others check it out.

Council Member Riopelle said it seems they will be opening the pool at the right time. Council President Olstad said it was going to be open on Friday.

Council Vice-President Grassel said he had reached out to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Galstad and told the Council they need to start thinking about the local businesses being handcuffed, that everything is open on the other side of the bridge, and there are businesses that are struggling. He asked if there was something that would allow them to open up before the Governor's timeline, they are at a disadvantage, and Moorhead has done a few things so they need to look into this to help them out. He asked if there were any legal answers for what could and could not be done. He also asked to have this included on an upcoming special meeting. Mayor Gander said they can look and see what other border cities have done and asked for staff to look into that.

Council Member DeMers asked when there are accounts on a resolution to include a description of what they are or include an attachment of what the accounts are. Ms. Anderson said this only comes before the Council once a year but she will make sure it is included next time. Council member DeMers requested this be done any time there are accounts on a resolution.

Council President Olstad thanked Mr. Huttunen and staff for all of the work they did to get the pool up and running. He said Friday will be the start date and staff has been hired.

Mr. Galstad stated he would look into Council Vice-President Grassel's request but doesn't think they can do much to override the Governor.

Mr. Huttunen said it was announced on social media the pool would be opening on Friday afternoon starting at 1pm. He explained the capacity that will be allowed following the order from the State is 50% or whatever number is smaller so they will be starting with 200 in attendance, phase four might allow for that number to increase, and they will see if there is enough space once the pool opens. He added how 200 was the usual attendance on a normal day so this should allow them to operate smoothly. He stated they added more time in between sessions to allow for disinfecting. He added the last day to register for summer activities was the coming Sunday, they were at 50% of capacity, and he was hoping they would be seeing more spaces fill up by the deadline.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 2, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:11 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer