

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE CITY
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – FOLLOWING THE WORK SESSION**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 was called to order by Council President Olstad at 5:44 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.

1. Consider approving the check register for the approved grant applicants for Round 2 of the COVID Business Grant program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRASSEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE CHECK REGISTER FOR THE APPROVED GRANT APPLICANTS FOR ROUND 2 OF THE COVID BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM.

Council member DeMers stated he appreciated all of those that worked on this program. He commented how there was a business mentioned in the narrative that was leaving East Grand Forks and asked for clarification. Mayor Gander stated one of the businesses had announced they were relocating into Grand Forks, the group considered what was fair in this situation because they were still operating in East Grand Forks. He explained they had a lot of COVID-related expenses and did have loss of earnings which the group took under consideration when determining a policy for this circumstance. He said the business would not be receiving any funding from Grand Forks so the policy set was to reimburse them for their COVID-related expenses only. Council member DeMers asked if they had received a request from a business that went out of business. Mr. Gorte said no. Mayor Gander said that was part of the rationale.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: Helms and Riopelle.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DEMERS, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:49 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

David Murphy, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer