

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 – FOLLOWING THE WORK SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 was called to order by Council President Olstad at 5:47 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 Tim Riopelle, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Ben Pokrzywinski, Dale Helms, Brian Larson, and Karen Peterson.*

*Staff Present: Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Jeff Boushee, Fire Chief; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Steve Emery, City Engineer; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Paul Gorte, Economic Development Director; Michael Hedlund, Police Chief, Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Reid Huttunen, City Administrator; Jeremy King, Parks and Recreation Superintendent; Keith Mykleseth, Water and Light General Manager; Megan Nelson, City Clerk; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

*The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.*

1. Consider adopting Resolution No. 24-01-07 authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with SRF Consulting for the RAISE grant application and contribute 25% or \$7,101.00 for the contract amendment proposal.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LARSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-07 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SRF CONSULTING FOR THE RAISE GRANT APPLICATION AND CONTRIBUTE 25% OR \$7,101.00 FOR THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL.**

Council member Larson asked if a discussion was needed regarding if they would need to pay more than 25%. Mr. Huttunen stated it would be best if all four entities participated, Grand Forks County had already approved to pay their portion, Polk County had not acted on it yet, but staff would be recommending to pay their 25%, and the City of Grand Forks would also be considering this at their next meeting. Council member Larson asked if others did not agree if they could revisit this but did not want to have to pay a higher percentage. Council President Olstad said it could be amended later but he would prefer to stick to 25%. Council member Vetter said paying 25% or \$7100 to try and get a grant for \$10 million dollars or more was a no brainer. Mayor Gander stated the study needed to be done to get either of the bridges and it was being driven by facts.

*Voting Aye: Pokrzywinski, Riopelle, Olstad, Larson, Peterson, and Vetter.*

*Voting Nay: Helms.*

**ADJOURN:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LARSON, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 9, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:51 P.M.**

*Voting Aye: Pokrzywinski, Riopelle, Helms, Olstad, Larson, Peterson, and Vetter.*

*Voting Nay: None.*

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Megan Nelson, City Clerk