

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Session of the East Grand Forks City Council for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 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 Tim Riopelle, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Ben Pokrzywinski, Dale Helms, Brian Larson, and Karen Peterson.

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

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.

1. Request to Surplus and Donate Warning Sirens – Ryan Swang

Assistant Fire Chief Swang told the Council the new siren system was being installed, they were keeping some of the older sirens, not all were needed, and the request was being made to declare the extra sirens as surplus and donate them to Polk County Emergency Management. There were no questions.

This item will be referred to a City Council Meeting for action.

2. Consider Purchase of Motor Grader – Jason Stordahl

Mr. Stordahl told the Council there were some communication issues about some of the information about the motor graders. He explained both prices were from the State Bid source, the John Deere 772G did have more horsepower which was helpful, so the comparison was not the same. He added the warranty lasted longer so while the price was higher, the warranty was worth it. He told the Council this motor grader had a steering wheel, not joysticks, so it was easier for staff to be cross-trained, and the City was not charged for travel when there were service calls. He recommended purchasing the motor grader from RDO Equipment and declaring the 2004 motor grader as surplus. There were no questions.

This item will be referred to a City Council Meeting for action.

3. Review of Proposed Deer Management Plan & Amended Ordinance – Megan Nelson

Ms. Nelson informed the Council the deer management plan had been updated and included the maps of the designated hunting areas. She explained the ordinance amendment was prepared, most of the special hunt regulations were included, but some were not in the case a change was needed, the ordinance did not need to be amended. Council member Pokrzywinski asked if the change to be made to list that residents would get top priority and if there were permits still available, those living outside of city limits could be considered. Ms. Nelson said she would make the change and if there were no other suggestions this would be added to the next meeting for approval and have the first reading of the ordinance. There were no other questions.

This item will be referred to a City Council Meeting for action.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HELMS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 28, 2024 WORK SESSION OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:08 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Megan Nelson, City Clerk