

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 – FOLLOWING THE WORK SESSION**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 was called to order by Council President Olstad at 5:08 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; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.

1. Consider approving the Off-sale Non-intoxicating Malt Liquor License renewal for Orton's Point Cenex 504 Rhinehart Dr SE East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LARSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO APPROVE THE OFF-SALE NON-INTOXICATING MALT LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR ORTON'S POINT CENEX 504 RHINEHART DR SE EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721.

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

Voting Nay: None.

2. Consider approving the On-sale Weekday and On-sale Sunday Liquor License renewals for the following applicants:
 - a. Casa Mexico Restaurant located at 112 14th St NE East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - b. American Legion Post 157 located at 1009 Central Ave NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
 - c. Up North Pizza Pub located at 314 4th St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, TO APPROVE THE ON-SALE WEEKDAY AND ON-SALE SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS.

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

Voting Nay: None.

3. Consider approving the On-sale Wine and On-sale Beer licenses and authorize strong beer to be served with the combination of the two licenses for Little Bangkok located at 415 2nd St NW Suite 1 East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LARSON, TO APPROVE THE ON-SALE WINE AND ON-SALE BEER LICENSES AND AUTHORIZE STRONG BEER TO BE SERVED WITH THE COMBINATION OF THE TWO LICENSES FOR LITTLE BANGKOK LOCATED AT 415 2ND ST NW SUITE 1 EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721.

Council member Helms asked if Little Bangkok was leaving. Ms. Nelson stated they were still here at this time.

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

Voting Nay: None.

4. Consider adopting Resolution No. 24-05-46 approving the hiring of John Wuitschick as the Parks & Recreation Specialist at a salary of \$21.48 per hour.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-05-46 APPROVING THE HIRING OF JOHN WUITSCHICK AS THE PARKS & RECREATION SPECIALIST AT A SALARY OF \$21.48 PER HOUR.

Council member Vetter said they had not started discussing the budget, this position should be left open until the budget was determined, and he would be voting no on this item.

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

Voting Nay: Vetter and Helms.

5. Consider adopting Resolution No. 24-05-47 approving the hiring of Renee Kringlen as the Accounting Technician at a salary of \$25.70 per hour.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POKRZYWINSKI, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-05-47 APPROVING THE HIRING OF RENEE KRINGLEN AS THE ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN AT A SALARY OF \$25.70 PER HOUR.

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

Voting Nay: None.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VETTER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HELMS, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 28, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST

GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:12 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Megan Nelson, City Clerk