

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 – 5:00 PM**

**REMINDER THERE IS NO WORK SESSION DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA  
ITEMS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*The Special Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for Tuesday, November 12, 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, Dale Helms, Brian Larson, and Karen Peterson.*

*Staff Present: Maggie Brockling, Economic Development Director; Jeff Boushee, Fire Chief; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Michael Hedlund, Police Chief, Reid Huttunen, City Administrator; Keith Mykleseth, Water and Light General Manager; and Megan Nelson, City Clerk.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

*The Council President Determined a Quorum was present.*

**1. Canvassing of Local Election Results.**

Ms. Nelson stated the election information had been received earlier that day and sent out that afternoon. She reviewed there were two summary statements with one from election day and the other was from absentee voting, and the write-in tally information was included. She told the Council Ward 1 had a 90% turnout, 737 people voted on election day, and 338 voted by absentee, Ward 2 had an 86% turnout, 559 people voted on election day, and 359 voted by absentee, Ward 3 had a 71% turnout with 379 voting on election day and 169 voted by absentee, Ward 4 had an 83% turnout with 518 voting on election day, and 260 voted by absentee, and Ward 5 had an 82% turnout with 582 voting on election day and 299 voting by absentee. She added that most days leading up to the election 75 up to 95 people came in to vote absentee but the day before election day there were over 200 people that voted.

Ms. Nelson said the abstract had been included in the packet which needed to be signed and read off the election results that were listed for mayor and council positions along with the two sales tax questions. She stated that Mark Olstad, Brian Larson, Tami Schumacher, Timothy Riopelle, and Donald Casmeay would be starting their four-year terms in January of 2025 and with 59.01% and 58.60% the sales tax would be implemented for the recreation facilities projects. She asked for questions. There were none.

**2. Consider adopting Resolution No. 24-11-82 declaring election results from the 2024 General Election.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HELMS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-11-82 DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION.**

*Voting Aye: Olstad, Larson, Peterson, Vetter, Riopelle, and Helms.*  
*Voting Nay: None.*  
*Absent: Pokrzywinski.*

**ADJOURN:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HELMS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:05 P.M.**

*Voting Aye: Olstad, Larson, Peterson, Vetter, Riopelle, and Helms.*  
*Voting Nay: None.*  
*Absent: Pokrzywinski.*

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Megan Nelson, City Clerk