

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 – 5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Organizational Meeting of the East Grand Forks City Council for January 7, 2025 was called to order by the temporary chairperson, Mr. Galstad, 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 Mark Olstad, Council members Tami Schumacher, Ben Pokrzywinski, Tim Riopelle, Dale Helms, Donald Casmey, Brian Larson, and Karen Peterson.

Staff Present: Karla Anderson, Finance Director; Jeff Boushee, Fire Chief; Maggie Brockling, Economic Development Director; Nancy Ellis, City Planner; Steve Emery, City Engineer; Ron Galstad, City Attorney; Rod Hajicek, Police Lieutenant; Charlotte Helgeson, Library Director; Reid Huttunen, City Administrator; Keith Mykleseth, Water and Light General Manager; Megan Nelson, City Clerk; and Jason Stordahl, Public Works Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mr. Galstad administered the oath of office for Mayor Mark Olstad and Council members Tami Schumacher, Tim Riopelle, Donald Casmey, and Brian Larson.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT BY WRITTEN BALLOT:

PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Galstad announced the nominations for the Council President were open and stated how both positions would be voted on by a written ballot. Council member Riopelle nominated Council member Larson for President which was seconded by Council member Pokrzywinski. Mr. Galstad asked if there were any other nominations, there were none, and the nomination process was closed. He then asked for the Council to cast their ballots for President. Votes were cast and Mr. Galstad stated Council member Larson was unanimously voted in as Council President. Council President Larson took over running the meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

Council President Larson announced the nominations for Council Vice-President were open. Council member Pokrzywinski nominated Council member Riopelle for Vice-President which was seconded by Council President Larson. There were no other nominations, so the nomination process was closed. The Council cast their ballots for the Vice-President position. Ms. Nelson stated there were six votes for Council member Riopelle and one ballot was left blank, so Council member Riopelle was voted in as Vice-President.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIOPELLE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSON, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 7, 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:06 P.M.

Voting Aye: Schumacher, Pokrzywinski, Riopelle, Helms, Casmey, Larson, and Peterson.

Voting Nay: None.

Megan Nelson, City Clerk