

RESOLUTION NO. 20 – 01 – 09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

Council Member DeMers, supported by Council Member Riopelle, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals; and

WHEREAS, steps taken towards sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital, and increasing government efficiency, accountability, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: 1 – Buildings and Lighting, 2 – Transportation, 3 – Land Use, 4 – Environmental Management, and 5 – Economic and Community Development;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the City of East Grand Forks to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City by the League of Minnesota Cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City:

- 1 – Appoint Kevin Hatcher to serve as the City’s GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation and implementation;
- 2 – Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting, and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
- 3 – Will provide feedback once a year on how well the GreenStep program is serving the city and on city needs from the program; and
- 4 – Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, and quality of life improvement.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Johnson, Olstad, Grassel, DeMers, Vetter, and Helms.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: None.

The President declared the resolution passed.

Passed: January 20, 2020

Attest:

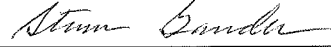


City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer



President of Council

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this 20th day of January, 2020.



Mayor