

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
October 29, 2008

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Evelyn Larsen, Edward Bolstad, William Lenz, Kay Costello, and Tim Kennedy

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison, Dave Tersteeg and Kim Dunsmoor

Mayor Larsen invited the public to speak during a period of open forum. Open Forum is limited to one half-hour. No person may speak more than 5 minutes or more than once. No one spoke.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the agenda; October 8, 2008, Worksession Minutes; October 8, 2008, Minutes; and payment of bills. Approved unanimously.

The Agreement for Services between City of Grand Marais and Robert J. Bruce, dba Carduus Consulting for the Park Master Planning was discussed. City Attorney Davison had suggested several changes to the agreement and Carduus Consulting had accepted the requested changes.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to approve the Agreement for Services between City of Grand Marais and Robert J. Bruce, dba Carduus Consulting with the stipulated changes including making the City the owner of the documents. Approved unanimously.

The 2008 Improvement Project was discussed. The road will be paved before the end of the season and the final landscaping treatment will be completed. There is a Minor Extra Work Order Change to use a wet tap instead of a conventional water main connection during the project to ensure that the hospital would not be without water during construction.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the Minor Extra Work Order in the amount of \$1,363.69 with Redstone Construction. Approved unanimously.

There were some clerical errors in Ordinance 2008-03, which will be corrected by Proposed Ordinance 2008-06.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to suspend the rules to allow two readings in one meeting. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2008-06 Annexing Land Located in the Unorganized Territory of Cook County, Minnesota, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.033 Subdivision 2(3), Permitting Annexation by Ordinance. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-06 Annexing Land Located in the Unorganized Territory of Cook County, Minnesota, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.033 Subdivision 2(3), Permitting Annexation by Ordinance. Approved unanimously.

In order to receive the FEMA money issued to the State for the June 6, 2008, storm damage, we will need to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Kennedy to approve the State of Minnesota Sub-Grant Agreement for Federal Assistance Public Assistance (Infrastructure) Program. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Park Board met with Carduus Consulting and has established that the Park Board will be the Park Master Plan Committee and will meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. There will be a series of listening sessions for public comment. There will be ads in the newspaper with listening session time and place information.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The 1% Sales Tax Committee has met twice to formulate what we are asking the public to respond to. Meetings will be held in the West End, Mid-Gunflint Trail and at the Commissioners Room.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The water and sewer crews are present during the construction projects to ensure water service and connections to customers.
- 2) Met with the North Shore Management Board last week where they discussed setbacks from the shoreline and impacts on the neighbors.
- 3) SMMPA is raising the rate we pay for electricity by 6.2%.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) Employees were given a health insurance satisfaction survey in relation to John McClure's request to be reinstated as the City's Blue Cross Blue Shield agent. Seventy percent of the employees (16/23) responded: 12 were satisfied with the current health insurance situation, 4 were neutral on the subject. Council suggested we continue without an agent of record.
- 2) Water rates were discussed and the sewer budget will be discussed as well as the contribution needed for the 2008 Improvement Project.
- 3) The September financial summary was discussed. Administration expenses are on target with the budget. Street expenses are on track with the budget.

Golf revenues and expenses are below budget and will likely experience a small loss for 2008. The marina expenses are running below budget with the revenues above budget.

- 4) The dredging project is done and the hauling should be completed in a couple business days.
- 5) The last meeting in November is the night before Thanksgiving and the last meeting in December is the night before New Year's Eve.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.