

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
March 10, 2010

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

Members present: Kay Costello, Sue Hakes, William Lenz and Jan Sivertson

Members absent: Tim Kennedy

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor and Chris Hood by telephone

Mayor Hakes 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 Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda; February 24, 2010, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 3, 2010, to consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding roof signs. No members of the public were present. No comments were received at City Hall prior to the meeting. The Planning Commission recommends approval of Proposed Ordinance 2010-01 by a 4-0 vote.

Motion by Hakes, seconded by Lenz to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-01. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Hakes, seconded by Costello to approve cash transfers effective December 2009 as follows: \$ 35,000.00 to Golf Course (613) from General Fund (101)

\$ 56,206.61 to General Fund (101) from Capital Improvement Fund (428)

Approved unanimously.

Mayor Hakes' Report:

- 1) The US Forest Service will be host to the Boy Scouts of America's Order of the Arrow in June 2011. They will be working on hiking and mountain bike trail construction and reconstruction projects. At this time they are anticipating 500-600 scouts to participate in the event.
- 2) The County did not get the federal grant for broadband. In conjunction with Pulse Broadband, Arrowhead Electric has been researching a new means of providing broadband service that uses fiber optic cable but enables the fiber infrastructure to be constructed at a cost which is significantly less than what was proposed in the first grant application. Pulse Broadband brings a guaranteed service provider of the "triple play"- phone, television, and internet. Arrowhead Electric is considering applying for a second round grant and has asked the county for their support.
- 3) Stan Linnell, DNR, would like to schedule another meeting with the city to review our marina in May. The Two Harbors Project is moving slowly due to budget cuts.
- 4) The EDA ad hoc committee met twice. The bulk of the time has been spent making sure that everyone knows what is going on and getting better information with respect to

where the dollars are being spent. They are working on ideas to solve the immediate problem of no money, the mid-term problem of solving the MPCA issues, and the long-term ideas of what the EDA should be focusing on. The EDA is a partnership between the county and the city and we will need to work together to resolve issues and develop a long-term strategy.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Park Board has planned a worksession to discuss a community garden and a 5 year capital improvement plan for the park.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) The Open Meeting Law presentation has been done for the Park Board and the Library Board. It is a good refresher about the purpose of the law.

A budget worksession is scheduled for April 28, 2009, to discuss the potential reductions in Local Government Aid.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Sivertson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.