

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
*June 11, 2008*

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison and Kim Dunsmoor

The council discussed the noise ordinance, music playing complaints and how to accommodate festivals and guide activities. There needs to be a balance between business and residential needs. The Bayfield noise ordinance was distributed – it sets a standard and makes exceptions for certain city-sanctioned events. The recreation area sets a quiet time. The noise issue was tabled until statistics about the number of noise complaints are received and until the sheriff can be present to discuss noise issues.

The Grand Marais Inner Basin Proposal that was submitted to the US Army Corp of Engineers in April 2008 was discussed. Statements such as “all private property owners have agreed” should be backed up in writing rather than a verbal agreement. Private property owners may have different ideas of agreement than others. A written statement would help to insure that they are agreeing to the same things. The proposal was sent to many entities. The Mayor received a call from Oberstar’s office that the proposal will be sent down with his next funding session. The Army Corp of Engineers will need to tell us what can be done to change the size of the existing basin. Bakk and Dill would support the proposal, but they do not expect any funding to be available until 2009 or 2010. A marina design and basin design need be done together. We need to be proactive if we are going to get any movement in the process. We need to continue talking to our legislators.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.