

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
July 28, 2010

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

Members present: Kay Costello, Sue Hakes, Tim Kennedy and Jan Sivertson

Members absent: William Lenz

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor, Ben Silence 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.

Jack Stone, Stone Harbor Wilderness Supply, would like to put a rack on a grassy area on the east bay beach to store 8-10 kayaks seasonally April 15 – November 15. The rack size would be approximately 6'w x 20'l x 7'h. Kayak tours are given twice per day out of the east bay. Council directed city attorney to draft a lease agreement addressing use, liability and termination for the space to be used seasonally for a kayak rack.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve the agenda with addition of Library Budget; July 14, 2010, Minutes; July 14, 2010, Worksession Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Hakes, seconded by Kennedy to direct staff to contact the Cook County Board to request that the County use Burbach for the architectural services, including design and construction administration, related to the pool portion of the community center project, if such project is to include a pool. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Hakes, seconded by Costello to authorize staff and/or the City's legal counsel to take all actions necessary to communicate with Burbach and/or other appropriate entities regarding the City's actions related to Cook County's proposed community center project. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Sivertson to hire James Daniel Ford as firefighter, Janette St. John as pool attendant, and Kayla Gotchie as lifeguard. Approved unanimously.

The city received the cost analysis from Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota for the volunteer firefighters. If the city chooses to join the statewide plan, the estimated required municipal contribution due in 2012 would be \$648. The estimated municipal contribution would continue to be based upon the state formula required of relief associations. Joining the plan would increase the firefighter retirement benefit from \$1,200 per year to \$1,250 per year.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve Resolution 2010-08 Opting to Join the Voluntary Statewide Lump-Sum Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan at \$1,250 benefit level per year of service. Approved unanimously.

The Library Board reviewed their budget and came to the conclusion that the only thing they could trim was books: therefore, they decided to increase revenues by increasing fines, copier use fees and contributions from Library Friends. The 2011 budget includes a .98% increase over 2010.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Grand Marais Public Library 2011 Budget. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Hakes' Report:

- 1) The orange flags installed at the crosswalk are being used by some people including kids who have installed them on their skateboards. Have enjoyed the teasing and fun of the orange flags.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) Will attend the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities August 18-20 in Winona, MN.
- 2) August 11th worksession will focus on the rough draft of the budget and scheduling department heads for a line by line discussion of their budgets.
- 3) The Joint City/County/School/Tribe meeting will be on August 26th.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.