

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
March 31, 2010

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

Members present: Kay Costello, Sue Hakes, William Lenz, Tim Kennedy and Jan Sivertson
Members absent: None
Staff present: Mike Roth, Dave Tersteeg and Kim Dunsmoor

The purpose of the worksession was to set a priority list of energy efficient projects, understand CCLEP's initiatives and common areas of interest. The council needs enough time to make a positive decision about grant opportunities to make sure that the project makes sense and that we are willing to dedicate limited resources to the project.

The council's adopted priorities include: Safe Harbor/Marina, 1% Sales Tax, Pool/Community Center, Maintenance Facility, City Hall, and Park Master Plan. All new projects should include an energy efficient design.

We were informed that our grant for \$10,000 lighting retrofit for City Hall was successful and is moving forward.

It was suggested that we combine our request with the county's request for a grant to hire a consultant for a public planning process. Mike will work with Braidy on this request.

Questions to consider when making our priority list:

Where does the city use the most energy? Water and Wastewater Plants, Street Lighting, and our older buildings – City Hall, Park Office, and Pool.

How much do we want to invest in our older buildings?

What is the pay back?

What is the match?

What is the source of the match?

What are the requirements of the grant?

What personnel resources do we need to use?

CCLEP representatives primary focus is biomass connected to a community center building, audit city buildings and identify projects that could be ready to do and provide a funding mechanism for homeowners and businesses and raise awareness of programs that are already in place to help with energy efficiency.

Mayor Hakes will create a value statement as a starting point to be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilor Kennedy will be the CCLEP Liaison to keep the council updated on their efforts.

CCLEP will continue to inform the council by email while understanding that the council cannot respond.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.