

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
MINUTES  
April 25, 2007

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

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Don Davison 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.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Agenda; April 11, 2007, Minutes; April 11, 2007, Worksession Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.**

Debbie Neitzke, North Shore Dragon Boat Festival, requested approval of the 2007 Application for use of Street and Sidewalk Permit. One addition may be a Roller Ski Race, which would require the street to be blocked off from Johnson Heritage Post to East Bay Suites during the race. Also requested was the notification of harbor users to keep the race lanes unobstructed. A couple people in kayaks crossed the race lane during a race last year creating some issues.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve the 2007 North Shore Dragon Boat Festival Application for use of Street and Sidewalk and Harbor July 26-29, 2007. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to approve the American Legion Post 413 Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo June 2, September 8, October 6, and November 10, 2007. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve the Harbor Inn Restaurant and Motel Beer and Wine License contingent upon receipt of proper Beer Application. Approved unanimously.**

Harbor Inn completed the form for wine license and paid appropriate fees for Beer and Wine License. City Hall must supply Harbor Inn with the Beer Application. Also discussed was the possibility of the restaurant being leased to another operator? If that happens, the new operator will need to apply for the beer and wine license.

The Grand Marais Area Tourism Association and Visitor Center has requested that the city replace the carpet in their area and provided an updated quote of \$4,834.86 from 1010 interiors.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the purchase of carpet for the Visitor Center in the amount of \$4,834.86. Approved unanimously.**

The council discussed the proposed Resolution 2007-05 and made a few changes including changing the design language to read “inner” rather than “outer” breakwalls, add city to retain ownership, and provide computer enhanced drawings of proposed design, change the report back date to July 1, 2007, and authorizing Mayor Evelyn Larsen and Councilor Bill Lenz to contact state and federal officials.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve Safe Harbor Marina Project Resolution 2007-05 as amended. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve hiring of Daniel Johnson as Park Maintenance Worker. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve hiring of Margarquet Fortunato, Ross Willson, and Zacharia Roberts as permanent part-time Liquor Store Clerks. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2007-02 Amending the City of Grand Marais Zoning Ordinance Definitions for Home Occupations. Approved unanimously.**

The council discussed Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Water Conservation Framework and decided to refer the resolution to the Public Utilities Commission to find out the feasibility of committing to reduce water usage by 15%.

The Fire Department is requesting a computer to be used for record maintenance and electronic reporting of the MFIRS state fire reports. The state law requires MFIRS reports to be filed as a pre-requisite to be eligible for state grant money. A computer system can be purchased for approximately \$1,100.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve the purchase of a computer for \$1,100 and to work with City Administrator Roth to get the appropriate system. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve Corporate Authorization Resolution 2007-06. Approved unanimously.**

Mayor Larsen’s Report:

- 1) Received a letter about abandoned buildings in the downtown district.
- 2) Received a complaint about a junkyard: however, the property is located in the county.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) The Joint Recreation Board met with the Community Center Engineers and the Pool Architects to discuss the logistics of moving the pool to the Community Center location. Diane Booth asked for \$17,000 from the County Board for engineering studies to include the pool: however, the County Board turned down the request seeking more commitment from the City to move the pool first. There is concern that further studies and revision will halt two projects that have money and are ready to move forward: the hockey rink and the skateboard park. There is a place for the pool: however, the sales tax funding is questionable at the legislature. The council decided to hold off until their pool worksession in May.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The Fire Department is concerned about various old hydrants in need of repair. Hydrants will need to be repaired on a schedule each year.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Pool Worksession will be moved from May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.