

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
MINUTES  
April 30, 2008

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

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

Members absent: Tim Kennedy

Staff present: Mike Roth, 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. No one spoke.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda, April 9, 2008, Worksession Minutes, April 9, 2008, Minutes, Payment of Bills, Farmer's Market Vendor Permit, Crooked Spoon Sidewalk Use Permit, and the Garden Club \$1000 Funding Request. Approved unanimously.**

Bev Wolke, Chamber of Commerce, requested approval of the Car Show Street and Sidewalk Permit scheduled for June 7, 2008, requesting street sweeping, outhouses, and power at Artist Point.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the Classic Car Show Street and Sidewalk Permit. Approved unanimously.**

Bev Wolke, Chamber of Commerce, requested approval of the Timber Days Street and Sidewalk Permit Scheduled for July 4 – 6, 2008. Events will include movie, vendors, events, fireworks and the parade.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the Timber Days Street and Sidewalk Permit. Approved unanimously.**

The Cook County Tennis Association has raised \$72,000 of the \$182,500 project to install 3 new asphalt tennis courts, lights for 3 courts, and a storage facility. This year they plan to request a grant from USTA for \$37,000. They request approximately \$7,500 from the City for engineering costs by S. E. H.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to grant approximately \$7,500 toward the engineering costs of the tennis courts. Approved unanimously.**

WTIP requests a variance to construct a 35' radio tower 6' within the required 15' side yard setback. The tower will be enclosed with a fence. It is located adjacent to the building and where minimal cabling is required to connect to the interior equipment located at 1712 W Highway 61, PID#80-020-3260. A public hearing was held on

April 23, 2008. There were no comments from the public. The commission recommended approval of the variance by a 3-0 vote.

**Motion by Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve the WTIP Variance. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Costello, seconded by Larsen to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2004-08 Amending the City of Grand Marais Zoning Map. Approved unanimously.**

The council discussed the Downtown Visioning Zoning Changes. One comment was received regarding parking. The proposed zoning changes associated with the downtown visioning process were incorporated into the zoning ordinance for council review. Although there are many changes, the majority of the substantive changes are in the splitting of the C-1 zone. The planning commission discussed the zoning changes during two meetings in April and held a public meeting on April 23. They feel that the zoning ordinance changes accurately reflect the results of the public visioning process and the following discussions and compromising of the City Council in creating the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan changes. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the ordinance changes. The council will take more time to read through the proposed changes.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kay to approve the Wild Onion Café Strong Beer and Wine Liquor License. Approved unanimously.**

Tim McLean, Property Maintenance Worker, requests a leave of absence effective May 9, 2008. The question of how vacation would be paid out was addressed. Tim would like to have a lump sum payout of his vacation and comp time as would be done for a person terminating employment: however, under leave of absence the vacation and comp time would be paid out as if he were on vacation extending availability of insurances. Tim McLean chose to resign effective immediately. The council wished to allow Tim time to reconsider his decision.

Terri McLean resigned her cleaning duties effective April 25, 2008. City Administrator Roth requested to seek further information for replacing this position with a janitorial contract to clean city hall, visitor center, library, liquor and possibly the park and pool.

The council discussed times for a joint meeting with the county commissioners. This is a discussion that the full council would like to attend. After discussing several dates, it was decided to discuss the recreation facilities at the May 29, 2008, Joint City/ County/ School/ Tribe meeting in Grand Portage.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The pool's south wall has the outer material separating from the studs. The park staff is contacting contractor's to look at the wall.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The substation area is being torn down and old poles and lines removed. It is looking better.

Mayor Larsen's Report:

- 1) Sent letters regarding the Grand Marais Inner Basin Proposal to elected officials and government entities. Some responses have been received.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) The Marina dredging project by the Army Corp of Engineers is on hold. They are asking the city for a place to put the estimated 25,000 cubic yards of dredged material. They estimate they will need 5 acres filled to a depth of 3 feet. They need a commitment from the city to dump dredging and place a deed restriction on the property before they will do the dredging. We have the 40-acre Murphy Mountain site, but there should be environmental assessments done before any commitment.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.