

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
February 13, 2008

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 4:37 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; January 30, 2008, Minutes; Payment of Bills; and adopt the 2008 IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$.505/mile. Approved unanimously.

Mark Sandbo, Grand Marais Area Tourism Association, requested council approval to pursue a conditional use permit to place a canoe "BWCA INFO" sign on top of the Visitor Information Bureau with 5 feet of the canoe extending beyond the roof line. The main purpose of the sign is to make the visitor center more visible from Highway 61.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Bolstad to approve the request for BWCA INFO Sign subject to the Conditional Use Permit approval. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve the final payment of the 2nd Street/9th Avenue Project to Ulland Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$10,495.39. Approved unanimously.

The Economic Development Authority did not act on the lease change to include another office space. The need for the space will be determined after the housing coordinator is selected.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to table the EDA Lease to a future meeting. Approved unanimously.

A quote was received from the League of MN Cities for recodification of our ordinances. Much of the recodification has been completed in draft form. We are waiting for a quote to do the legal review.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2008-01 Controlling Dangerous Dogs and Potentially Dangerous Dogs. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution 2008-03 Corporate Authorization to increase Credit Card limit to \$5000.

Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution 2008-04 supporting transportation funding. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Bolstad to appoint Carol Miller to the Library Board. Approved unanimously.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) Joint City/County/School/Tribe meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2008, at the Cook County Courthouse at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) The Joint City/County Annexation hearing is scheduled for March 11, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Park Board appointed a new chairperson, Lindsay Mielke, and discussed expanding slips. Ed asked about the potential purchase of a mechanical withdraw for the pool cover.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) The Library Board would like to move forward with the purchase of the land for future expansion: however, they are unsure of the county's intention because they decided to not go for the 1% sales tax legislation at this time. Parking and space are still issues at the current site unless we are willing to use some of the green space.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The North Shore Management Board had training on wetland issues similar to the earlier worksession.
- 2) The last power outage was caused by a downed tree in the Cascade area. The City generated power for approximately 3 hours.

City Attorney Davision's Report:

- 1) Please approve an easement agreement for a property east of the power plant. This will change the existing blanket easement to a defined easement for utilities.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve the easement agreement.

The meeting was closed to the public for a discussion about the potential library site purchase.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m