

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 2010

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

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

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Tina Hanson and Dave Tersteeg.

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 five minutes or more than once.

Richard Olsen, Betty McDonnell, and Jim Shinnors spoke regarding memorials in Harbor Park and possible alternatives other than plaques or benches. They were all part of the original Harbor Park committee and told the council of their visions for the area originally. The group wanted to be able to give aesthetic recommendations so as not to get a cemetery feel to the area. They felt there should be no more vertical elements as enough currently existed; instead, go with more horizontal elements. They also felt there should be art placement recommendations. They suggested a design review board/art commission to oversee the placement and practicality of desired memorials. Lenz gave the group the Park Boards' recommendations for memorials for potential donors. All felt the Park Board should have parameters when dealing with requests. Olsen reminded the council of the concept of a festival tent being in the original plans for the park. Money will have to be raised for such a facility. The group proposed the Park Board, City Council and old Harbor Park Committee jointly appoint a group for overseeing the memorial requests and expand the potential area outside of Harbor Park to include all public property. It was agreed to bring this proposal back for more consideration at a future meeting. Dave Tersteeg said that Friday, November 12 at 9 a.m. was Volunteer Day to help put up Harbor Park Christmas decorations. Open forum was closed.

A planning and zoning recommendation was added to the agenda after pool repairs.

**Motion by Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve the agenda with the added planning and zoning item, the minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting, and the bills as presented. Ayes all.**

Dave Tersteeg went over the bids presented for council approval. BMA presented bids for the roof and the interior wall repair. Isak Hansen presented a bid for the interior wall repair and a sub contract bid for A. W. Kuettel for the roof bid. There will be additional bids coming in for other work not covered under the bids (electrical repair work, etc). As the council declared this an emergency situation due to the nature of the repairs that have to be done immediately, the council can forego the normal bidding process. The adjustor from the League of MN Cities had been on site three times. The entire roof (the slope and flats) have to be replaced. All layers, but not the interior paneled ceiling. The council discussed the discrepancies in the bids and wanted clarification if that had to do with the different r values bidded. Tersteeg could not answer that and tried to reach BMA for clarification, to no avail.

Costello questioned if our insurance rates would rise due to the claim. In Mike Roth's memo to the council, said it would have a small effect. The council consensus was to move ahead with the pool repairs, but felt the information presented was not sufficient to make a decision. They directed Tersteeg to clarify the comparisons, clarify the specs, and the square footage for the interior wall repair work. Also, to make sure the bid prices were fixed. Kennedy suggested a special meeting after these items were clarified. It was decided to just recess the council meeting and to reconvene on Friday, November 12, 2010 at 1 p.m. at City Hall.

The council then addressed the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend a zone district from CI to MU. The request was made by Stan Poole and Nadine Maki. The commission does not like rezoning single properties so they looked at the surrounding areas, which actually lie in three different zones.

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-02 Amending City of Grand Marais Code, Zoning Ordinance 19, Zone Map Amendment rezoning Lots 4-17, Block 26 and lots 4-10, Block 27, Harbor Park Addition, from C/I Commercial Industrial to MU Commercial-Residential Mixed Use. Ayes all.**

Council reports. Lenz reported the Park Board is reviewing potential rates for 2011. They have to be set by next month. The golf course and park revenues for 2010 were up significantly. Storm damage not covered by insurance to the marina and harbor park will have to be done as soon as possible. The pool backup boiler was fixed for \$2,000.00 but there is not any backup boiler anymore. Hakes added, for the record, that Park Johnson had withdrawn the request for a memorial flagpole to be erected in Harbor Park.

Costello reported that the Library Board will meet with groups from the community and their architect DSGW all day Friday, November 12, 2010 to gather input and ideas for the new library addition.

Sivertson reported that the EDA has formed a new Golf Course board. The EDA has paid off the City and County. The BDA is complete minus the final coat of asphalt. The EDA board is considering restructuring and Sivertson would appreciate the rest of the council emailing her their ideas/opinions.

Kennedy reported meeting with the group Safe Routes to School at Great Expectations. They are going to be changing the drop off spot due to safety concerns. They would also like to see a sidewalk put in on the west side of the school down to Hwy. 61. Kennedy said they are interviewing candidates for the City/County Energy Plan. Also, the Biofuels Committee is in the process of hiring a local biofuels coordinator. Interviews will be held November 11. Eight people have applied, three are local.

Hakes reported that Monday, November 15 at 1 p.m., kids from Great Expectations School will be at City Hall for Government Day. The Community Center steering committee meetings are going well. They are working with Orb Management. Hakes feels they are doing a good job and that an RFP will be going out soon. She also feels a contract between the county and Orb is getting closer.

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Sivertson, to recess the meeting until 1 p.m., Friday, November 12, 2010. Ayes all.**

The meeting recessed at 6:17 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened on Friday, November 12, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. with Mayor Hakes, and Councilor's Costello, Kennedy, Lenz, and Sivertson present.

Tersteeg provided the council with a memo addressing their questions from November 10. All bid process are guaranteed in writing by the bidders. Insurance will cover the final cost of the repairs if they exceed the bids. The square footage of paneling to be repaired is approximately 1,800. Bidders used different amounts based on their estimates of the total material that would be required. The R-value of the BMA roof base bid is R-25.

Mayor Hakes asked if all bidders were licensed, bonded, and insured. All are licensed and insured, and will be required to provide proof of insurance prior to acceptance of bid. We are not asking for a bond, and do not know if BMA is bonded. Isak Hansen is bonded.

The Council was concerned about the large, almost \$50,000 difference in bids.

Kennedy expressed that the Council should accept the lower qualified bid.

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz, to hire BMA for all repairs, subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance. Ayes All.**

**Motion by Costello, seconded by Hakes to adjourn. Ayes All.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.