

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
June 11, 2008

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

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

Members absent: None

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; May 28, 2008, Worksession Minutes; May 28, 2008, Minutes; Payment of Bills; and Sons of the American Legion Application for Exempt Permit to conduct Bingo July 31 – August 3, 2008. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution 2008-11 the Laura Dalin Conditional Use Permit to operate a massage therapy business as a home occupation at her residence in the R-1 zone located at 215 1st Avenue W, Lots 3 and 4, Block 33 Village Plat. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution 2008-12 the First Baptist Church Conditional Use Permit to locate a church on property zoned BDA located at Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Cedar Grove Business Park. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2008-05 Summary Publication was discussed. The entire ordinance can be viewed on the City of Grand Marais Website, at City Hall, and at the Grand Marais Library. A few typos will be corrected.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Larsen to approve Resolution 2008-13 Summary Publication of Ordinance 2008-05 Downtown Zoning Ordinance Changes. Approved unanimously.

The 2nd Street/9th Avenue West Project Special Assessments were discussed. The city received one written appeal from Colleen Brennan. The council considered the appeal and discussed several alternatives. The property was purchased as an investment with full knowledge of the pending special assessment and zoning laws.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve the 2nd Street/9th Avenue West Project Special Assessment Roll as published. Approved unanimously.

The Library Board has solicited quotes to replace their roof. The roof is nearing the end of its useful life and has developed a few leaks that need to be addressed. This project will be paid with existing capital funds. Regardless of the future of the library, the library building is an important city asset that we will maintain. Two bids were received from North Shore Roofing in the amount of \$13,573 and BMA Construction in the amount of \$15,253.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to accept the bid from North Shore Roofing in the amount of \$13,573. Payments will be made within 30 days of invoices conforming to state law. Approved unanimously.

We have advertised for the open Park Department Manager Position and will be accepting applications until June 27. Ads were placed with multiple area-wide and national associations. City Administrator Roth requests the city appoint Dave Tersteeg as acting Department Head until a Park Manager is hired.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to appoint Dave Tersteeg as Acting Park Manager until a Park Manager is hired. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to have Larsen, Lenz, and Roth review applications, interview and recommend hire for the Parks Manager position. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Kennedy to hire Justin Deschampe as Seasonal Washroom Custodian. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to hire Stephanie Vos as Seasonal Library Page. Approved unanimously.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) The LL Smith Sea Grant will be available for tours June 28-29. Council should notify Roth if you would like to take the tour.
- 2) The County Board would like a joint meeting with the city on June 17 at 3:00 p.m. or June 24 at 1:00 p.m. Council requested June 24th.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) Surveyed the storm damage at the campground. The new handicap trail was washed away and it is a bit soggy in the campground. The creek ran over the sides and took out the walking bridge. No structures sustained damage.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) Cedar Grove Business Park storm damage included the upper road being washed out. The ditched could not handle the flow. The engineer is looking at the situation and will propose solutions.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) Would like a report of city storm damage.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The municipal parking lot was designed to be a retention pond in the event of a large rainfall event. It worked as it was designed and was dry within 24 hours.
- 2) The sewer plant processed millions of gallons of storm water.
- 3) Electric poles that were compromised due to storm water were repaired today.
- 4) There has been some movement with the MPCA for the power plant site.
- 5) The city needs to reinvigorate the animal licensing requirements. There have been several dog bites lately. If the animal is not found, the person has to go through an expensive and painful series of shots.

City Administrator Roth's Storm Report:

- 1) Nobody was hurt.
- 2) A lot of buildings had water infiltration including city hall.
- 3) There was very little structure damage.
- 4) There was a lot of road damage:
 - a. 10th and 11th Avenues West gravel streets are back to normal
 - b. Creek west of Homestead Cooperative ran over the road, but is okay.
 - c. The Business Park road to Como has been rebuilt.
 - d. The contractor cleaned up silt from the Co Rd 7 construction.
 - e. Large culverts were plugged with sand, silt, rocks and debris.
 - f. The Business Park north road was half washed away. WE are getting quotes for time and materials.
 - g. 7th Avenue E was washed away.
 - h. Humphrey Circle was inadequately constructed – we will need to talk about a more significant project.
- 5) There is some money left in the EDA Bond, there is a possibility to get IRR dollars for disaster relief.
- 6) The county operated an information center on Friday and we will be applying for reconstructions funds with them.
- 7) Mayor Larsen was contacted by Norm Coleman and Governor Pawlenty's Offices to let them know what we need for storm repair.
- 8) Jim Wiinanen urged the city to keep track of storm damage dollars.

Mayor Larsen's Report:

- 1) The Joint City/County/School Tribe meeting in Grand Portage discussed the 1% sales tax. Commissioner Fenwick would like to pursue broadband infrastructure as a part of the sales tax.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.