

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
MINUTES  
September 24, 2008

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

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

Members absent: Edward Bolstad

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.

Rod Wannebo, Cook County Tennis Association, requested a letter of support from the city to support their grant writing efforts to USTA and Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation.

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to write a letter of support for Cook County Tennis Association in their grant writing request to USTA and Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation. Approved unanimously.**

Linder Peterson asked for clarification on the city's process to evaluate and fix the storm water problem near his home. The city is still waiting for the corrected recommendation from S.E.H., the city's engineer.

**Motion by Lenz, seconded by Costello to approve the Agenda with additions Homestead Letter, Marina Committee, Review Leased Property; approve September 10, 2008, Worksession Minutes; September 10, 2008, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve Liquor Licenses as presented:**

Number	Licensee	Business	License Type	Fee
2008-01	BSR Inc.	Harbor Light	Liquor/Sunday	\$2,500
2008-02	Larsen Borthers LLC	Birch Terrace Supper Club	Liquor/Sunday	\$2,500
2008-03	Sven & Ole's Inc.	Sven & Ole's Pizza	Liquor/Sunday	\$2,500
2008-04	Jeffrey William Gecas	Gun Flint Tavern	Liquor/Sunday	\$2,500
2008-05	Am Leg 413	American Legion Lounge	Club	\$700
2008-06	Paul Sporn	My Sister's Place	Wine/Beer	\$440
2008-07	The Crooked Spoon Café, Inc.	The Crooked Spoon Café	Wine/Beer	\$440
2008-08	Chez Jude LLC	Chez Jude	Wine/Beer	\$440
2008-09	George Wilkes	Angry Trout Café	Wine/Beer	\$440
2008-10	The Little Canteen LLC	Hughie's Taco House	Wine/Beer	\$440
2008-11	Nies, Chris/Brigette	The Wild Onion	Wine/Beer	\$440
2008-12	Toftey, Harley/Shelly	Dockside Fish Market	Wine/Beer	\$440
2008-13	Schulte Enterprises, Inc.	Grand Marais Superamerica	3.2 Beer Off-Sale	\$110

**Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Lenz, seconded by Larsen to appoint Costello and Kennedy to the Sales Tax Steering Committee. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve the Safety Management Program Renewal in amount of \$12,150. Approved unanimously.**

City Administrator Roth researched possible locations for a dog pound with the criteria set by the council at the last meeting: 3 car garage size, access to utilities, relative isolation from residential use and current public ownership. The best possible location would be near the County Maintenance Garage/Law Enforcement area. Council directed Roth to approach the Sheriff and the county about this location.

The council discussed a letter from Homestead Cooperative relaying that they were unhappy with paying interest on the recent assessment. They expected to receive a bill, rather than the notice of assessment hearing serving as their notification. Two people paid their assessments in full prior to the interested added date, Homestead Cooperative paid their assessment after the 30 days, and one other person wished to pay their assessment before interest accrued, but was also later than the 30 days.

**Motion by Larsen, seconded by Kennedy to forgive 2008 interest if 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Assessments are paid in full by October 17, 2008. Approved unanimously.**

Mayor Larsen would like to create a marina committee that will keep the last resolution made in May of 2008 as a result of a compromise formulated between the Grand Marais Business Council and Harbor Friends moving forward. Suggested members were Art Kidd – a boater, Steve DuChien – a resident, Hal Greenwood or another member of the Grand Marais Business Council, and Molly Hoffman or another member of the Harbor Friends. Harley Tofte as a property owner was also suggested. The purpose of the group would be to continue contacting representatives and legislators to keep our marina project moving forward and seek funding. Kennedy asked for a written description of the purpose of the committee. No action was taken on the committee at this time.

Council requested a review of leased city properties for the next meeting including North House Folk School, EDA, and City Attorney.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Park Board chose Bob Bruce of Carduus Consulting to facilitate the Park Master Plan.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The E.D.A. has not met; however, Roth, Geretschlaeger, S.E.H., Greater MN Housing Fund, and the Land Trust met in Duluth to see if the Sawtooth Cottages plan would be salvageable. One idea was to create a small number of lots using the business park infrastructure for housing. The feasibility of that idea will be discussed at the next EDA meeting.

City Attorney Davison's Report:

- 1) The council should considered reinstating calendar parking with the narrower streets. Roth has already met with the county engineer and sheriff to address this issue; however, an ordinance will need to be in place.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.