

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
January 26, 2011

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

Members present: Larry Carlson, Bob Spry, Tim Kennedy and Bill Lenz

Members absent: Jan Sivertson

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor and Chris Hood by telephone

Mayor Carlson 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 Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Agenda; January 12, 2011, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Ben Silence and Aaron Mielke, Grand Marais Fire Department, requested approval for the purchase of a used 1977 International 50' ladder truck from the City of Aitkin for \$10,500. Our fleet does not currently include a ladder truck and has been identified by the Fire Department as a high priority for fire and rescue emergencies in three story buildings. The department proposes to sell the 1984 pumper truck for around \$10,000. The ladder truck has a similar pumper capacity. The manual ladder for the 1984 pumper is defective and would cost \$5,000 to replace. The City of Aitkin has agreed to have the ladder truck inspected prior to the sale.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve the purchase of a 1977 International Ladder Truck from the City of Aitkin for \$10,500. Approved unanimously.

Kristin Wharton, Cook County SHIP Coordinator on behalf of the Community-Wide Active Living Committee, requested that the city support their efforts by passing a resolution that affirms active living commitments by supporting programs that encourage active living for citizens, visitors, and employees by considering the enhancement of pedestrian and bicycle travel in future planning. Councilor Kennedy was appointed as the city liaison to work with the Community-Wide Active Living Committee. Several changes were made to the proposed resolution: change Develop to Maintain, change second bullet point to read Consider the enhancement of pedestrian and bicycle travel in City planning and design activities, and deleting "and enforcement" from the last paragraph.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Spry to approve Resolution 2011-01 Affirming Active Living Commitments. Approved unanimously.

Nancy Grabko, Community Fundraising Solutions, Inc., requests the council's support for the submission of a 2011 Small City Development Program(SCDP) application and City official certification that the Grand Marais downtown business district meets SCDP program requirements that project area meets the federal objective of exhibiting slum and blighted

conditions. The grant request is for \$150,000 for owner occupied rehabilitation for 8 homes and \$154,000 for 4 commercial rehabilitation projects.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve a letter of application for the Small Cities Development Program application. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to transfer \$ 10,000 Storefront Loan funds to the Downtown Rehabilitation funds and approve the \$ 46,000 match requirement for the Small Cities Development Grant. Approved unanimously.

Two board applications were received.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Lenz to appoint Olwe Bottorff to the Library Board and Tracy Benson to the Park Board for a 3-year term. Approved unanimously.

There are still board vacancies on the Park Board and the Planning Commission.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) The Personnel Committee reached a tentative settlement with the union to continue the existing contract for 12 months with no COLA increase: however, wages negotiations will re-open in July when we will be able to see where we are financially with local government aid.

- 2) Official Signatories need to be designated.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to designate Mayor Carlson and Acting Mayor Kennedy as official signatories and remove Sue Hakes as official signatory. Approved unanimously.

- 3) Every three years, the city needs to report all of our labor positions and pay for the Pay Equity Act.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Pay Equity Compliance Report. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Spry's Report:

- 1) The EDA talked about the current director resignation effective March 31st and what their next steps should be. The Superior National Golf Course Committee asked to hire an administrator: however, funding is not available. The EDA requested that the county take over accounting functions and the county accepted those duties.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Spry to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.