

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
September 8, 2010

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

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

Members absent: None

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

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 5 minutes or more than once. No one spoke.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda; August 25, 2010 Worksession Minutes; August 25, 2010 Minutes; August 26, 2010, Joint City-County-School-Tribe Minutes correcting Bozart to Bossardt; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

The Planning Commission discussed two issues at their September 1, 2010, meeting: a rezoning request and the new variance standards. Stanley Poole and Nadine Maki are requesting a zoning map amendment to change Lots 3-17, Block 26, Harbor Addition from C/I Commercial Industrial to MU Commercial-Residential Mixed Use zoning. The Planning Commission determined that the area included in the rezoning request should be expanded. The Planning Commission will hold a new public hearing on October 6, to consider the modified proposal. The Planning Commission reviewed the memo from City Attorney Chris Hood regarding the new variance standards. They considered creating a new set of setback standards that would allow for construction closer to the property line for existing buildings or create an expansion permit. They were skeptical about the legality of the expansion permit process. City Attorney Hood advised that state law takes precedent over local ordinances: therefore, he has reservations about the expansion permit process.

Council directed City Administrator Roth to write a letter to our legislative representatives to reconsider legislation regarding variances.

The following businesses have requested liquor license renewals for 2010-11. The renewal period will cover October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. The Wild Onion and Harbor Light Supper Club will close September 30th and open in the spring.

Motion by Kennedy, Seconded by Lenz to approve Liquor Licenses as follows pending completed paperwork, including proof of insurance, background check and necessary fees:

Number	Licensee	Business	License Type	Fee
2010-01	Larsen Brothers Inc.	Birch Terrace Supper Club	Liquor/Sunday	\$2,500
2010-02	Sven & Ole's Inc.	Sven & Ole's Pizza	Liquor/Sunday	\$2,500
2010-03	Jeffrey William Gecas	Gunflint Tavern	Liquor/Sunday	\$2,500
2010-04	American Legion 413	American Legion Lounge	Club	\$700
2010-05	Paul Sporn	My Sister's Place	Wine/Beer	\$440
2010-06	The Crooked Spoon Café, Inc.	The Crooked Spoon Café	Wine/Beer	\$440
2010-07	Chez Jude LLC	Chez Jude	Wine/Beer	\$440
2010-08	George Wilkes	Angry Trout Café	Wine/Beer	\$440
2010-09	The Little Canteen LLC	Hughie's Taco House	Wine/Beer	\$440
2010-10	Toftoy, Harley/Shelly	Dockside Fish Market	Wine/Beer	\$440
2010-11	Schulte Enterprises, Inc.	Grand Marais Superamerica	3.2 Beer Off-Sale	\$110

Approved unanimously.

Motion by Hakes, seconded by Sivertson to approve Resolution 2010-12 Approving Preliminary 2010 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2011. Approved unanimously.

The Preliminary Levy includes a 3% increase over last year.

The City of Grand Marais was awarded a grant to retrofit lighting in city buildings. The grant was delayed while we entered building data into the B3 reporting system. Part of the required match will come from PUC Rebates for energy efficient lighting. This grant opportunity was brought to the city by CCLEP.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve the State of Minnesota Grant Contract EECBG Lighting Retrofit for City of Grand Marais Buildings. Approved unanimously.

Council approved a news release to host a public meeting regarding the burn pile on September 29th at 5:00 p.m. Cook County Planning and Zoning, Firewise and Highway Departments will be invited.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) The Library Board met two weeks ago to consider 8 architect plans. The board will meet in October to choose an architect firm.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Park revenue is up \$22,000, the Pool revenue is down \$1,346, and the Marina is down \$1,290 through August. Slip holders have until September to pay in full.

- 2) The Solar Bath House installation should take place in October. The park has been monitoring hot water consumption to determine how many panels will be needed.
- 3) Radio Waves will be hosted this weekend in the park.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) CCLEP Biomass is refining language in grant applications going to the State LCCMR in the amount of \$150,000 for Cook County and Ely and to the county for \$113,000 for 1% Sales Tax money or Forest reuse money to determine the quantify biomass material potential and cost to put the biomass in a usable state to run a biomass system.

Councilor Sivertson's Report:

- 1) The North Shore Management Board will meet in Grand Marais in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on September 30.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) The crosswalk at 5th Avenue West has been installed. The article in the newspaper brings up a point about the pedestrian crossing signs when they are not near a crosswalk become confusing to pedestrians and motorists. The pedestrian crossing signs will be removed.
- 2) SMMPA will hold their monthly meeting in Grand Marais tomorrow morning.
- 3) A letter was sent to the DNR regarding the flag pole request.

Mayor Hakes' Report:

- 1) Went to the Blue Water Café for 10:00 a.m. coffee. The group likes Compass Park, but would prefer Harbor Park for the flag pole memorial.
- 2) Two Harbors Planning Commission is asking the City of Grand Marais to write a letter to Federal Highways and the DNR in support of amending the off-premise advertising signs on Highway 61. No action will be taken.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.