

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
MINUTES  
September 27, 2006

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

Members present: Mark Sandbo, Kay Costello, Bob Spry, Edward Bolstad and Tim Kennedy

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison, and Kim Dunsmoor

Mayor Sandbo 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.

Kathy Kippley presented her idea to bring a solution for the East Bay Ramp dilemma by moving the east end of Wisconsin Street back to the entrance of the East Bay Suites parking lot and change the former street area to a plaza with benches and stairs to access the beach below. The stairs would be centered and flanked by two fences.

**Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Agenda with addition of Marina, Homeland Security, Visioning, Handicap Ramp updates and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project Change Order and Pay Estimate. Approved unanimously.**

Marina Update: City Administrator Roth spoke with Larry Killeen who was waiting for an update from the city and did not seem to have received the last correspondence from the city. Roth sent a summary of the last correspondence and direction from the council. The consultant hired by the Harbor Friends will present his findings at the October 25, 2006, meeting.

Homeland Security Update: The E.D.A. has not had any contact with Government Services regarding any site selection and there is no additional information.

Community Visioning Update: Surveys were mailed out to each household in the City of Grand Marais last week. The survey identifies three areas of downtown and asks questions about each area. The consultants will hold meetings in the end of October.

East Bay Suites Ramp Update: City Attorney Davison recommends seeking an Attorney General Opinion on the issue of consideration and disagrees with the termination language as presented.

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to request an Attorney General Opinion on the East Bay Suites Ramp Agreement. Approved unanimously.**

A walk through inspection was conducted two weeks ago and a punch list was created. Pay Period Estimate #6 is for work completed in July and leaves retainage of 1%, which should be a sufficient deduction to cover punch list items.

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Spry to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 6 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project in the amount of \$92,856.89 to Ulland Brothers, Inc. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Spry to approve Change Order No. 6 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project increasing the contract in the amount of \$2,233. Approved unanimously.**

Mayor Sandbo's Report:

- 1) Mayor Sandbo and City Administrator Roth attended the League of Minnesota Cities Regional Meeting in Silver Bay. We are doing well.

Councilor Spry's Report:

- 1) Attended the North Shore Management Board Meeting in Silver Creek. Lake County and Cook County asked and received a change in lot sizes along the shore of Lake Superior.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The Economic Development Authority awarded the infrastructure bid for Cedar Grove to the low bidder KGM Contractors. The bid of \$1.7 million was below the engineers estimate. The work will begin in October 2006 and be completed by October 2007. Jerry Shannon will be here at the October 25, 2006, meeting to assist the City of Grand Marais in issuing bonds for the project.
- 2) The County sent an agreement to sell the Old Ski Hill Property to the E.D.A. in the amount of \$775,000. The agreement was not adopted and clearly indicates that there would need to be an economic return for the E.D.A. to develop the property. This is not consistent with the proposal prepared by the Sawtooth Bluff Committee that proposed walking trails.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The water tower is progressing, but is slightly behind due to weather. Currently, they are sealing the inside of the tank and the reserve truck is working.
- 2) The Public Utilities is working on reorganization of staff and will bring a report in two weeks.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) The Joint Recreation Committee is moving along quickly. Committee members received the draft agreement today that should be ready for the next council meeting. Grand Portage also wishes to participate.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding a new deck ordinance on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.