

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
August 26, 2009

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

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

Members absent: William Lenz

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor and Brandon Fitzsimmons by teleconference

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 Kennedy, seconded by Sivertson to approve the Agenda; August 12, 2009, Worksession Minutes; August 12, 2009, Minutes; Payment of Bills; and North Shore Chapter Ruffed Grouse Society Raffle Permit. Approved unanimously.

The City of Grand Marais is required to make a contribution to the Fire Relief Association in 2010 in the amount of \$8,529. Even though our relief association performed better than average in investments and we have not contributed for many years, this year we will need to contribute.

Redstone Construction is beyond substantial completion. There is no material on hand and there are only a few more punch list items to complete.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Kennedy to approve Redstone Construction Pay Estimate #6 in the amount of \$ 369,572.17. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Sivertson to approve Redstone Construction Minor Work Order #4 in the amount of \$ 2,378.64 and Minor Work Order #5 in the amount of \$ 6,603.30. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve 2009-2010 MMUA Safety Management Program Contract # 166-2010 in the amount of \$12,400. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 4:55 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 5:48 p.m.

Jan Sivertson was volunteered as a liaison and marketing person for the 1% Sales Tax Referendum. A meeting has been scheduled with the lead person of each project for Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center. At this time, the

group includes, Buck Benson, Diane Booth, Mark Sandbo, DC Olsen, Linda Chappell, and Bill Hansen. Sivertson is also taking suggestions of other people who are willing to volunteer to help with the marketing of the projects and referendum. All the projects are included in the 1% Sales Tax Referendum. There is a lot of confusion about the referendum question and there is a lot of work to do. The referendum vote is scheduled for November 3rd.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The Biomass District Energy and Heat group is still working to answer questions. The financing question will be addressed on Friday and there is positive discussion with SMMPA.

The EDA was discussed. The market analysis of lots was presented to the EDA Board, but no action has been taken yet. The issue of rezoning a lot within the BDA is again being asked after DEED made a decision that property that did not benefit from the construction is not subject to the same standards and rules as the rest of the lots.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) Scenic Byways has asked if the City of Grand Marais will maintain the new entrance signs located on the west side of town and at the intersection of Highway 61 and the Gunflint Trail. The council agreed.
- 2) The wetland delineation will be added to the Park Master Plan after we have an agreement in place with the graphic design company to complete the map. The council will hold a public comment opportunity at a select meeting most likely in September.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.