

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
December 13, 2006

Mayor Sandbo called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: Edward Bolstad

Staff present: Mike Roth and Kim Dunsmoor

The council scheduled two interviews for consideration of city engineering services.

John Jamnick and Harold Langowski represented RLK Kuusisto. RLK Kuusisto has been the city's engineer since 1999. They prepared a capital improvement plan and have engineered several projects in Grand Marais including 2nd Street Sanitary Sewer, Sewer Extension to North House and Campground, Gunflint Utilities Project, Downtown Reconstruction and 2nd Street/9th Avenue W. They would provide one council meeting per month, feasibility studies, cost estimates, and general engineering services for a monthly fee.

Jamie Mehle, Dick Grabko, and John Hinzman represented Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. S.E.H. has been in business for 80 years. Grand Marais would be serviced from their Duluth office. S.E.H. is currently working with the Economic Development Authority on the Cedar Grove Infrastructure project. Jamie Mehle would be the contact. They will keep residents and staff informed about the progress of projects and provide a liaison between the city and the contractor. S.E.H. will send routine construction letters to residents and attend one council meeting per month. John Hinzman handles quality assurance and control. Dick Grabko secures project financing.

Council asked questions about follow through, cost estimation, experience with difficult contractors, communication tools, and performance evaluation of both firms.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.