

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
August 27, 2008

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

Members present: Evelyn Larsen, William Lenz, Kay Costello, Tim Kennedy, and Edward Bolstad

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth and Kim Dunsmoor

Mayor Larsen 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 Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve the agenda; August 13, 2008, Minutes; and payment of bills. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution 2008-19 Approving Business Development Infrastructure Application. Approved unanimously.

The DEED Grant Application would pay for storm damage and 30% of the water booster station. However, if FEMA dollars pay for the storm damage, we may not use any of the funds. The \$189,000 local match would be used from E.D.A. dollars held for the business park.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve Resolution 2008-20 Granting Temporary Construction Easements to the Cook County Highway Department in ten locations to repair the storm damage and armor the channels against future storm damage. Approved unanimously.

The council reviewed the proposal from Mike Fischer, LHB, regarding the 1% Sales Tax. The process would take approximately four months including research, coordinating a steering committee, public input, finding solutions and recommendations. The cost of the process is \$45,243.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) Redstone construction is finishing the underground work on 6th Avenue West this week, water and sewer are completed on 3rd Avenue W and they will be connecting private lines this week. 2nd Avenue West removals are starting. They anticipate beginning curb the on 6th Avenue West the week of September 8.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) Met with Animal Advocates and toured the dog pound. There are only three volunteers. The current building is not large enough. They would like a piece of property and then they think they can raise enough funding to build what they need. A carpenter has offered to labor to build. They have been invited to the Joint City County School Tribe meeting.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The EDA had a special meeting regarding Sawtooth Cottages with all the interested parties. The group is committed to the project, but question if it can be economically viable. A lot would hinge on the ability to sell lots over a certain period of time for a certain price. Unfortunately, there is no good way to forecast the value of the property because the market has been flat. They will make a decision at their September meeting.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.