

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
December 30, 2009

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

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Kim Dunsmoor

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 Lenz to approve the Agenda, December 9, 2009, Minutes – removing “appreciates help”, and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Sivertson to approve Final Pay Estimate #7 for the 2008 Improvement Project to Redstone Construction in the amount of \$ 115,596.53. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Sivertson’s Report:

- 1) The Economic Development Authority met. The \$100,000 due to the City for a loan to the golf course will be paid when the IRR grant for cart paths is paid. The golf course lost money in 2009. The EDA will request additional funding from the County because the City is already on the hook for the Business Park financing. Changes will be made for 2010.
- 2) A public hearing was held for the sale of a lot in the BDA. A price was set based upon recommendations from the real estate agent. The City will need to revisit the special assessment structure for the Business Park lots.
- 3) The University of Minnesota, Crookston is doing a cost/benefit analysis of the Economic Development Authority.
- 4) The EDA did not receive funding from AEOA and Small Cities Grant for housing redevelopment projects because we are too far away. A small group will meet with AEOA to discuss these results.

Mayor Hakes’ Report:

- 1) The \$140,000 that was awarded to the EDA for affordable housing infrastructure was redirected to the Cedar Grove Business Park infrastructure.
- 2) The City accomplished many goals and objectives in 2009.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.