

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
MINUTES  
August 9, 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. No one spoke.

**Motion by Costello, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Agenda with addition of Old Ski Hill Discussion; July 26, 2006, Worksession Minutes; July 26, 2006, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.**

Dehlia Siem, Gunflint Gals LLC, discussed with the council the proposed agreement with the East Bay Suites for use and maintenance of the handicap accessible ramp. An area of concern is a provision for termination of the lease. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The council discussed the Community Center Master Plan and the upcoming Joint City, County, School, Tribe meeting. A joint powers recreational board will be a topic of discussion. Items of priority are building the skateboard park, creating a long-term joint powers, and identifying assets of each entity for a plan to work together on the Community Center Plan. The city has a park board in place and staff to maintain ball fields.

The Economic Development Authority has discussed the need for a Joint Powers Agreement or to work through the EDA to implement a plan for the Old Ski Hill Area. The matter was tabled until next meeting.

**Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to authorize payment for Partial Pay Estimate No. 5 to Ulland Brothers, Inc. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project in the amount of \$ 195,484.19. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Spry to approve Change Order #5 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project in the amount of \$103,924.00. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Costello, seconded by Bolstad to approve the additional funding of \$495 for the Library Budget due to an increase in cost of services of the Arrowhead Library System. Approved unanimously.**

Mayor Sandbo's Report:

- 1) Fisherman's Picnic was a success and recommend closure of Wisconsin Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave West for next year's festival. Quarrel's provided a free shuttle service from the school to downtown which Sven and Ole's helped to underwrite. All the vendors have signed up to return next year.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) Questioned the cost of a speed trailer: Cook County Law Enforcement purchased their trailer for \$11,000. The City should budget for a trailer for use in town.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) **Motion by Costello, seconded by Spry to approve the Relay for Life street Permit. Approved unanimously.**

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) The University of Minnesota Duluth will conduct a wind generation study near the tower site. Currently, they have monitoring equipment in Duluth, Finland, Lutsen, Two Harbors and Grand Portage.
- 2) The council has been invited to join the Lake County Highway Department for a Highway 61 Corridor Meeting in Silver Bay. Mike will attend.
- 3) Spoke with Star Holmen of the State regarding our annexation status. The legislature changed the rules of annexation and at this point they do not know which rules our annexation will be considered under. The single annexation for the North 20 acres of the business park is moving forward.
- 4) We received four Fire Truck bids from three companies. The low bid was from General Safety Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$207,031. The truck committee will review the bids and the matter will be before the council the first meeting of September.

City Attorney Davison's Report:

- 1) Fisherman's Picnic was more family friendly this year.
- 2) We have been receiving complaints about noise at night from 2 sites. Council would like owners of sites to informally speak with the council at a worksession regarding the noise.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.