

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
May 27, 2009

Mayor Hakes called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison and 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.

The agenda was revised with no Chamber/GMATA Update and add downtown parking discussion. The consent agenda added Grand Marais Lion's Lawful Gambling Permit for the Fisherman's Picnic Raffle.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda; May 13, 2009, Minutes; May 13, 2009, Worksession Minutes; Payment of Bills; and Grand Marais Lions Lawful Gambling Permit. Approved unanimously.

Dan Anderson requests permission to operate scenic air tours from the beach in the harbor weather permitting. The operation would not compete with other businesses and would be an added attraction to the city. Dan will list the city as an additional insured on his general liability policy.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve Dan Anderson's vendor permit for scenic air tours listing the City of Grand Marais as an additional insured on his general liability insurance allowing use of the harbor beach. Approved unanimously.

Bev Wolke, Chamber of Commerce Director, requested approval of the Classic Car Show and 4th of July Street and Sidewalk Permits. The Chamber acknowledged their Storefront Loan obligation and they intend to pay the balance when the Chamber and GMATA merge.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Sivertson to approve the Annual Classic Car Show Street and Sidewalk Permit scheduled for June 13, 2009, and approve the 4th of July Parade and Fireworks Display Street and Sidewalk Permit. Approved unanimously.

A parking suggestion from a local business is to ask the Chamber, Grand Marais Business Council and Grand Marais Area Tourism Association to send a letter to their

members requesting that their employees do not park on the street in front of businesses. There is a 90-minute parking limit on the downtown streets: however, it has not been enforced. Suggested parking areas were the city parking lot, Coast Guard Point, and parking above Highway 61 as long as it was not in front of a business.

The council discussed the draft noise ordinance. The council would like to keep the ordinance simple without any administrative permitting process. The ordinance should treat residential and commercial areas the same, should address both indoor and outdoor music, allow music between the hours of 9 a.m. and midnight, encourage amplification to be projected away from residential areas and provide exceptions for festivals as appropriate. The council will schedule a public hearing regarding the noise ordinance draft.

City Attorney Davison prepared a draft license for the use of the right of way permitting North Shore Federal Credit Union to place a propane tank in the right of way based upon the parameters set by the City Council earlier this year. The NSFCU questioned the fee of \$25/ year or \$750. The council discussed whether this request was for private or public improvements. The improvement is clearly for private improvements: the council decided that the fee was nominal for use of the right of way and directed staff to charge the fee.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Sivertson to approve the Fireworks Permit for July 4, 2009, and August 2, 2009. Approved unanimously.

The agreement with Animal Advocates has expired and should be renewed. Changes to the original agreement include an automatic renewal clause. An issue of insurance and liability will be researched and this agreement will be tabled to the next meeting.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The last Park Master Plan Listening Session was well attended and received 25 replies with good input. This was the best response yet.

City Attorney Davison's Report:

- 1) Law enforcement is gearing up for the Hell's Angels who intend to ride up the shore during the Fisherman's Picnic.

Motion by Hakes, seconded by Costello to hire Ronda Hubbard as part-time park washroom custodian. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Hakes' Report:

- 1) Hakes, Costello, and Kennedy met with Rob Ege, MNDOT, and discussed Highway 61 pedestrian and vehicle traffic. We are hopeful that we will be able to implement changes this season:
 - A) Move the 30 mph west on Highway 61 to the top of the hill.
 - B) Purchase and install a permanent "YOUR SPEED IS" sign at the 30 mph sign.

- C) Purchase/borrow from MN DOT "EVENT CONGESTION AHEAD" signs for special events
- D) Re-paint existing crosswalks.
- E) Create one new crosswalk by the Dairy Queen.
- F) Move the cross walk at 5th Avenue West to the west side of the avenue.
- 2) It would be helpful to invite Sheriff Falk to discuss the noise ordinance and potential MNDOT Highway 61 changes.
- 3) Worksession topic for June 10, 2009, will be budget and TIF.
- 4) Grand Marais Motors is on the list for contract termination by General Motors. If there are enough letters sent on behalf of our local dealer, GM's decision may be reversed. A letter was sent from the Mayor on city letterhead.
- 5) The ATV Ordinance at the county passed 4-1: however, it is still unclear how they will treat county and state aid roads within the city limits.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.