

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
May 10, 2006

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

Members present: Mark Sandbo, Edward Bolstad, Kay Costello, Bob Spry 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.

Dale Bockovich, Grand Marais Fire Department – 27 years, the truck committee has worked for two years to establish specifications for a new pumper truck. The newest pumper is 1984 and does not pass the pump tests. The 1966 pumper is online. Even if we ordered a truck today, it would still take a year to get the truck. The manufacturer is has offered a financing option.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Costello to approve the Agenda with addition of ATV discussion; approve April 26, 2006, Minutes; approve Payment of Bills; approve Curling Club Consumption and Display Permit; and approve Lion's Club Raffle Permit. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Spry to seek bids on a new pumper truck for the fire department and direct the City Administrator to pursue grant sources. Approved unanimously.

The liquor store floor renovation had some additional work requirements because the west side was an addition and needed additional floor preparations. The additional work is included in Change Order #1.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve and pay Dreamscapes Inc. liquor store change order #1 in the amount of \$2,741. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Costello to approve final payment to Dreamscapes Inc. for the Liquor Store floor renovation. Approved unanimously.

The park secretary has been working $\frac{3}{4}$ time and now there are more things going on and there is plenty work to do with the addition of more city parks in town. The Park Board is asking to increase the park secretary position to full-time.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Bolstad to increase the Park Secretary Position to Full-time. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to approve the Multiple Year Agreement with J&M Displays, Inc. to purchase fireworks exclusively from J&M Displays, Inc. for 3 years and provides for additional firework bonuses. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Spry to approve donation to the Grand Marais Playhouse in the amount of \$1,500. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to approve the Permit for Display of Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Special Effects. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Harbor Inn Beer and Wine License. Approved unanimously.

Ted Mershon, Cook County Assessor, spoke about the Board of Appeal and Equalization. Because none of the councilors have been trained in classification and valuation, the assessor is holding an Open Book Meeting immediately where property owners can bring in their questions and concerns regarding their valuation and classification. Overall, residential and seasonal recreation properties received a 13% increase in valuation. The assessor is required to have property valued at 90-105% of market value. Cook County came in at 89.6%: therefore, the State will apply an additional 5% in October.

Currently, it is the opinion of the City Attorney that ATV's do not have the right to ride in the City of Grand Marais: however, the law is vague. Because the law is unclear, the sheriff asked the council to pass an ordinance is clear and can be enforced regarding ATV use. Councilor Bolstad asked the council to consider having the city administrator research ATV ordinances in other communities to decide whether the city should pass an ordinance and what it might look like.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to instruct the city administrator to research other communities regarding ATV ordinances.

Ayes: Bolstad, Costello, Sandbo Nay: Kennedy, Spry

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The County Board is meeting on June 6, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Old Ski Hill Property and suggested that the Old Ski Hill Committee and the City may want to attend.
- 2) The only proposal received for the development of the residential land in the BDA was from Northern Communities Land Trust. The proposal addresses affordable housing using buy downs and other restrictions.
- 3) Received the draft copy of the regional marina study provided for by Harbor Friends and a grant.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) Jan Smith will be the Public Utilities representative to SMMPA when Hal Greenwood cannot attend.
- 2) We anticipate heavier use of our power plant this summer than in the past.

- 3) PUC was out bid for the Arrowhead Electric Bucket Truck.
- 4) Water/Wastewater Superintendent Job has been a posted and seeking applicant.
- 5) PUC is increasing efforts to enforce grease trap regulations.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) The Library Board Committee voted on a design for the library expansion to bring back to the Library Board.
- 2) The Community Center Meeting will be held May 24.
- 3) WTIP has invited councilors to speak on the radio. Currently, Mayor Sandbo is on the radio on Thursday mornings.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve park hires Logan Netland and Robert Jensen as Seasonal Washroom Custodians. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Kennedy to approve liquor store hire Kelly Ingram as permanent part-time Liquor Store Clerk. Approved unanimously.

City Administrator Roth discussed the 1st-3rd Avenue West Improvement Hearing scheduled for tomorrow May 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. City staff would like the council to wait one more year to do this project. If we were to do this project beginning in July, the avenues would be left dirt all winter and through the spring rains. This is a heavy traffic area that should be completed in one construction season. In addition, the county will be reconstructing County Road 7 next year and we would be able to coordinate the necessary water loop in that area rather than tearing up the street and paving for the county to tear up and repave next year. In addition, the street supervisor would like to add 6th Avenue West and another block of 1st Avenue West. We could also consider the requested improvements on 3rd Street to 12th Avenue West, Creechville and Old Shore Road.

City Attorney Davison asked the city to enforce the subdivision plat ordinance and charge the developers the cost to review the CIC (Common Interest Community).

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.