

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
February 24, 2010

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

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor and Chris Hood by telephone

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 Costello, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda; February 10, 2010, Minutes; Payment of Bills; and American Legion Bingo Permit. Approved unanimously.

Roth presented a grant application through MN Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security for retrofitting light bulbs and ballasts for city buildings. The application is due by March 3, 2010. If the grant is received, the project would begin May 1st and end June 30th. Roth requested the ability to adjust the numbers within parameters if further research shows that a different bulb should be used.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security Grant Application with a maximum project cost of \$20,000 and a maximum match of \$10,000 less applicable rebates. Approved unanimously.

George Wilkes and Buck Benson presented grant application proposal through MN Department of Commerce Office of Energy for CCLEP that would authorize the city administrator to apply for an EECBG program grant in the amount of \$29,390.00. The purpose of the grant would be to hire a consultant to help with increasing energy efficiency in our community. The process would begin with a series of meetings with stakeholders to develop a database of tools and resources. A series of public meetings would be held to raise awareness and invite participation in energy efficiency programs. The proposed application shows a match of \$ 3,160 in CCLEP volunteer time. The council felt the city administrator wage should also be a match rather than grant dollars.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Sivertson to approve the Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security Grant Application in the amount of \$29,390 showing grant match of CCLEP volunteer hours and match of city administrator hours as deemed appropriate by the city administrator. Approved unanimously.

Council discussed how to best use the efforts of CCLEP to be proactive in projects searching for grants rather than trying to find projects for identified grants without enough time to prepare for a project. Council will have a worksession to identify priorities on March 31, 2010, at 3:30 p.m.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) There will be a Safe Routes to School discussion at the Joint City County School Tribe meeting tomorrow. The discussion will focus on the creation of sidewalks and crosswalks especially from Birchwood to the intersection of 5th Ave W and Co Road 7.

Councilor Sivertson's Report:

- 1) Has heard negative comments about roof signs and has encouraged people to attend the Planning Commission Public Hearing on March 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) Attended the Community Center meeting. Information was gathered from various organizations. Diane will process the information for the next meeting.

Mayor Hakes' Report:

- 1) Governor Pawlenty has announced potential cuts of LGA. A worksession will be scheduled in April to plan for the worst case scenario.
- 2) Lyle Gerard is concerned about international workers getting a good experience while they are in Cook County and has asked the Mayor to help get coordinate activities and people involved to welcome workers and enhance their cultural experience.

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

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