

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
January 12, 2011

The Oath of Office was taken by Laurence Carlson, Robert Spry and William Lenz.

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Members present: Larry Carlson, Bob Spry, Tim Kennedy, Jan Sivertson and Bill Lenz

Members absent: None

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

Mayor Carlson 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 Sivertson, seconded by Kennedy to approve the agenda; December 29, 2010, Minutes; and payment of bills. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to approve the following board appointments:

| Board Name | Council Representative |
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| Economic Development Authority | Bob Spry |
| Library Board | Jan Sivertson |
| ARDC Board | Bill Lenz |
| North Shore Management Board | Jan Sivertson |
| Park Board | Bill Lenz |
| Personnel Committee | Larry Carlson, Bill Lenz |
| Planning Commission | Tim Kennedy |
| Public Utilities Commission | Tim Kennedy |
| Public Utilities Board | Bob Spry, Bill Lenz, Jan Sivertson |
| Safety Committee | Tim Kennedy |
| North House Folk School Liaison | Jan Sivertson |
| CCLEP Liaison | Tim Kennedy |
| Safe Routes to School | Tim Kennedy |
| Energy Plan/ Biofuels Study | Tim Kennedy |
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Approved unanimously.

Motion by Sivertson, seconded by Spry to appoint Karl Hansen to the Public Utilities Commission. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to appoint Jim Shinnars to the Planning Commission and Paul Anderson to the Park Board. Approved unanimously.

There are still 2 Park Board openings, 1 Library Board opening, and 1 Planning Commission opening.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Sivertson to appoint Tim Kennedy as Acting Mayor. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to designate the Cook County Newsherald as the City of Grand Marais' Official Newspaper including fees of \$6.75/column inch. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve Grand Marais State Bank, North Shore Federal Credit Union, Security State Bank, League of MN Cities 4M Fund, and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney as depositories of city funds. Approved unanimously.

The council discussed the community center project. The City has written two letters and stated in 1% sales tax committees that the city will withdraw from participation if Burbach Aquatics is not chosen. A third letter will be sent to the county board along with a request to appear in person at the January 18th Cook County Board meeting.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to send a letter to the Cook County Board regarding the Cook County Community Center and our Request that they Select Burbach Aquatics, Inc. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Carlson's Report:

- 1) The American Legion is hosting a "Meet the Mayor" event on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Due to open meeting laws, no other council members will attend.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The Energy Study had a preliminary meeting and is in early stages of development.
- 2) The Biofuels Study hired a consultant and architect for designing facility models. The group is considering two types of models: community buildings vs. commercial and residential and smaller resorts or community complex in the west or east end.

Councilor Sivertson's Report:

- 1) The EDA met yesterday. The new golf course committee has been selected. There is pressure from the golf course committee to add EDA funds to hire another position. The EDA Director will resign at the end of March. There is still no price on the Business Park Lots and we are not done talking with the engineer and contractor for the project. There is a special meeting scheduled for January 25th. Roth recommended that we do not continue to provide administrative services unless there is an EDA Director.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The pool has reopened and looks great. The boiler is holding up. There is a Grand Opening (Free) Day on January 19th. Ads are in the paper and on Boreal Access.

- 2) Power to the NeeGee was lost in the wind storm. It will cost \$500 to rewire and update the connection. The Park Board will share 50/50 in the cost to restore power with the Historical Society. Permission was granted to add steps for viewing inside the boat.

Chris Hood congratulated the newly elected officials.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.