

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
February 22, 2006

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

Members present: Mark Sandbo, Edward Bolstad, Tim Kennedy and Bob Spry

Members absent: Kay Costello

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.

Gwen Lenz, property owner on 3rd St and 8th Ave W reiterated her neighbors, Andrea and David Peterson, objection to the planned improvements on 3rd Street and requested to see the city engineer's report.

John McClure, Cook County ATV Club President, asked whether ATV's would be discussed at the council meeting. *ATV's will not be discussed.*

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Spry to approve the Agenda; February 8, 2006, Minutes with addition stating that the council participation does not include an endorsement for the Harbor Friends study; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

The council reviewed nine proposals for the Downtown Visioning and Comprehensive Plan Update Project at their worksession. Three companies have been selected for interviews. Mike Roth will schedule interviews prior to the March 8, 2006, council meeting. The three companies selected include Community Growth Institute, Center for Rural Planning, and S.E.H. (Short, Elliot, and Hendrickson.)

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to request that the Center for Rural Planning, Community Growth Institute, and S.E.H. appear before the council to present their proposals and answer questions. Approved unanimously.

Mike Roth presented the Harbor Park Final Plan. We have been working with HGA for 5 years on the plan. We have received a matching grant for \$100,000. The budget to build the park is \$200,000. Changes are being made to the final plan to fit our budget: the center piece will be removed and replaced with a paved patio area, the existing fountain will be removed and a rock garden in its' place, a natural boulder retaining wall, pathways will be crushed stone, concrete sitting walls, shrink gardens and remove one completely, entrances will be more prominent. We hope to bid for construction in March.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

- 1) The Public Utilities Commission has asked for a special assessment to be placed on a property for a delinquent water and sewer account.
- 2) The Public Utilities Commission will be painting the water tower this summer and is working with the Gunflint Trail Tourism Association for graphics.
- 3) The Water/Wastewater Operator position has been posted and advertised.

Mayor Sandbo's Report:

- 1) Attended the Bike Trail meeting. The funding is in place to complete the trail from Cascade to Grand Marais. In 2 – 4 years, the trail is anticipated to be complete from Lutsen to Grand Marais including some historic bridges.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Spry to place a special assessment against property for account number 2053 in the amount of \$332.67. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for a public hearing. At 4:55 p.m.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Spry to approve the Improvement of 3rd Street between 8th Avenue West and 9th Avenue West. Approved unanimously.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.