

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
February 29, 2012

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

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

Members absent: Jan Sivertson

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 Lenz, seconded by Spry to approve the Agenda; February 8, 2012, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Health Reimbursement Account Plan with Select Account. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to appoint David Beckwith to the Planning Commission for a two-year term. Approved unanimously.

A Petition for Annexation was received to annex parcel 53-119-4400 into the city limits. The property is adjacent to the city limits and the owners are requesting the annexation.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Spry to hold a Public Hearing to consider the Petition for Annexation on April 11, 2012. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Spry's Report:

- 1) The EDA had a planning meeting today. A committee will be formed to focus on advertising for the Cedar Grove Business Park. They are waiting for the website to be finished.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) The Public Utilities Commission talked about Biomass and set up a joint meeting with the PUC, City and Biomass group to discuss the Biomass study. The meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) The Energy Plan is moving along forming strategies, action steps, goals & objectives.

Mayor Carlson's Report:

- 1) The Joint City/County/School/Tribe meeting focused on the bad press that Grand Marais and Cook County has received and how to present a unified show of support for each other.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to close the meeting at 5:00 p.m. for a discussion of legal strategy regarding pending litigation between the City of Grand Marais and Burbach Aquatics, Inc. This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(b). Approved unanimously.

Present: Larry Carlson, Tim Kennedy, Bob Spry, Bill Lenz, Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor, Chris Hood & Robert Scott.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to authorize the City attorney to prepare the documents necessary to file a legal action in the form of a declaratory judgment that the Council can consider in a future closed session. Approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.