

*CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
March 28, 2012*

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

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

Members absent: Tim Kennedy

Staff present: Kim Dunsmoor, Ben Silence, Dave Tersteeg, Len Bloomquist and Chris Hood by telephone

Staff Absent: Mike Roth

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.

Sara Metis requests to be on the April 11 agenda for the animal ordinance discussion.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda; March 14, 2012, Minutes; Payment of Bills; and approval of the Cook County ATV Club Application for Exempt Permit to conduct a raffle. Approved unanimously.

Ben Silence and Aaron Mielke, Grand Marais Fire Department, discussed the FEMA Award for a new tender/pumper fire truck and asked for approval of the grant agreement and permission to move forward with the bidding process. The approved project costs total \$221,000: the Federal share is 95% or \$209,950 and the city's share is 5% or \$11,050.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to accept FEMA Grant EMW-2011-FV-03323 and the Grant Agreement Articles and to have the Grand Marais Fire Department move forward with the bidding process. Approved unanimously.

Nancy Grabko and Matt Geretschlaeger, Economic Development Authority, discussed a grant application to DEED for 5 units of Housing Rehabilitation and 4 units of Commercial Rehabilitation. Cook County has agreed to be the grantee and fiscal agent. The EDA has committed \$10,000 of general levy, \$60,000 from 2012 Home Consortium, \$1,000 from CCLEP, \$1,000 from PUC and they are asking the city for a commitment of \$25,000 from the City Revolving Loan fund. A public hearing is scheduled for April 10, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cook County Courthouse.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to support the submission of a 2012 Small City Development Program application for the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Downtown Business District Commercial Rehabilitation Projects and to commit to leverage up to \$25,000 in our IRR Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Fund. Approved unanimously.

There has been no additional information for Ordinance 2012-03, so the matter was tabled to the April 11, 2012, meeting.

Motion by Bill, seconded by Sivertson to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-02 An Ordinance of the City of Grand Marais, Minnesota, Amending Grand Marais Code, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19, Zone Map Amendment rezoning a strip of land from R-1 Permanent Residential to C/I Commercial Industrial. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Sivertson, seconded by Lenz to table Ordinance 2012-01 until we have more information from Cook County. Approved unanimously.

Dave Tersteeg, Parks Manager, presented a request to apply for a grant to fund the Community Connection Trail Project. The total project cost estimated at \$74,695.32 with a city match of 25% or \$ 18,673.83. The grant agreement assures that the City will maintain the connection for a period of 20 years. The grant application deadline is March 30th and the project would need to be completed by June 2014. We cannot start the project until the grant is awarded sometime this summer.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Spry to approve Resolution 2012-01 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grand Marais, Minnesota Approving an Application to the DNR Local Trail Connection Program. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2012-04 AEC Cable Franchise was removed from the agenda due to newspaper notice and public hearing requirements.

Len Bloomquist, Property Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the council about replacing the street sweeper this year. After only a few hours of sweeping to start the season, our sweeper died. Staff recommends purchasing a refurbished 2001 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper that has been reconditioned and repainted and cost \$43,000. It has about 31,000 miles and 6600 hours. We have received several quotes for used sweepers and this sweeper has the combination of age, price and features that best meet our needs. The sweeper is currently located in Iowa. Once they have moved the sweeper to the cities, Bloomquist will inspect the sweeper and have the right to refuse the purchase. Upon acceptance, we will have a 30 day warranty. The quoted price includes delivery.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Sivertson to approve the purchase of the Reconditioned 2001 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper in the amount of \$43,000 from ABM Equipment & Supply Inc. pending approval by the Property Maintenance Supervisor upon physical inspection. Approved unanimously.

The Farm and Craft Market requests use of the city parking lot adjacent to the Senior Center in the same manner as was granted last year. Council discussed requesting that vendors do not park in the east row of parking spaces closest to the Co-op and Stone Harbor Wilderness.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Sivertson to allow the Cook County Farm and Craft Market to use the city parking lot in the same manner as last year with a request that vendors do not park in the east row of parking spaces.

Ayes: Lenz, Sivertson, Carlson Abstain: Spry (wife is part of the Farm & Craft Market)

Staff advertised for bids for the sale of the broken down 1974 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. Bidding closed at 1:00 p.m. March 28, 2012. Four bids were received and opened at the council meeting: Darin Bloomquist Construction \$1,127.77, Brad Thompson/Thompson Performance \$785.50, Winchester Higgins \$ 629.37, and David Smith/DJ Smith Trucking \$400.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Carlson to sell the 1974 Elgin Street Sweeper to Darin Bloomquist Construction in the amount of \$1,127.77. Approved unanimously.

Sivertson's Report:

- 1) The network lunch for the Cook County Chamber hosted by Scott Harrison and Charles Skinner was well received. The participants were all on the same page and ready to move forward.

Carlson's Report:

- 1) Will attend the Listening Session with Tony Sertich of IRRRB tonight at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.