

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
May 11, 2011

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

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

Members absent: Jan Sivertson

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor, Dave Tersteeg 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 Spry, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda; April 27, 2011 Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Dave Tersteeg, Parks Manager, updated the council on the campsite upgrade project. The Park Board requested quotes for electrical upgrades for the sites that are receiving sewer upgrades. It makes sense to install new electrical service at the same time since the sites are already disturbed and will be leveled for pull-thru big rig friendly sites. The project is more than previously anticipated: however, we can delay other upgrades for a few years. Two quotes were received. The price difference was \$300. The Park Board recommends hiring Nordic Electric in the amount of \$ 18,554.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Carlson to approve hiring Nordic Electric to make electric upgrades in the amount of \$ 18,554. Approved unanimously.

The park advertised for 2 seasonal washroom custodians. We received almost 20 applications and 8 people were interviewed.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Spry to hire Leonardus Steenbakker and Deb Smith as Seasonal Washroom Custodians. Approved unanimously.

The solar system at the bathhouse is repaired and there are handrails on the ramps to the marina docks.

The city received a petition for blacktop/curb/gutter on 11th Ave W between 2nd Street and 3rd Street. City Administrator Roth will meeting with the Homestead Cooperative Board to discuss the petition and a rain garden storm water project. The petition was tabled to the next meeting.

Mayor Carlson received a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency giving recognition to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for meeting all the regulatory and reporting requirements. Mayor Carlson will present the Certificate of Commendation to Tom Nelson, Water & Wastewater Treatment Superintendent.

We received a letter from the county yesterday afternoon requesting the city's participation in the community center project. City Administrator Roth and City Attorney Hood drafted a response to the county's letter suggesting that the county contact Burbach Aquatics, Inc. for the pool portion of the community center project.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Kennedy to send the letter to the county board as drafted. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Gunflint Hills Golf Course opened May 6, 2011.
- 2) The pool income and usage is up mostly due to adult exercise classes.
- 3) The sewer upgrades should be completed by May 15, weather permitting. Council just approved the electric upgrades for these same sites.
- 4) The first Community Connection meeting with S.E.H. is Thursday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m.
- 5) A musician has requested use of Harbor Park to play music and solicit donations. The Park Board did not want to open up the park to this type of venue without another organization being in charge of scheduling entertainers.
- 6) The Park has a new website and it looks great. Check it out at www.grandmaraisrecreationarea.com

Councilor Spry's Report:

- 1) Bob Fenwick is moving into his position at Superior National Golf Course.
- 2) The EDA is looking at creating a new website to promote the business park. We will put the last lift of blacktop in the business park soon.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.