

*CITY OF GRAND MARAIS*  
*MINUTES*  
*May 30, 2012*

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

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

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 Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Agenda; May 9, 2012, Minutes with correction to Councilor Lenz' Report; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve Sydney's Frozen Custard Application for Beer and Wine License providing they satisfy all requirements. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve the License Agreement with Dan Anderson of Anderson Aero and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the license document. Approved unanimously.**

Kerrie Fabius, Cook County Soil and Water, updated the council regarding the grant that was received to place two rain gardens in the public right-of-way with adjacent owners who are willing to be stewards of the rain gardens. The city would need to pay for the curb cut and sediment basin estimated at \$ 1,600. A letter was sent to all the neighbors and their comments were addressed. City Attorney Hood advised adding language to the rain garden agreements. Fabius and council questioned the need for the insurance requirement and decided to waive the additional insured requirement. Fabius will incorporate the changes into the rain garden agreements and have the county attorney review it, give it to the city for review, and if the stewards have questions or concerns about the changes, they should talk with Roth. The city will maintain the inlet and sediment basin for one of the rain gardens. The rain garden agreements will be on the next council agenda.

George Wilkes and Don Grant presented the council with the Cook County and Grand Marais Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Plan. The energy plan describes how the plan was developed, public input processes, and the findings of their research. New technologies are improving and evolving. Most participants agree that we should utilize new technologies for energy efficiency: however, there is disagreement on the amount of government involvement. They are requesting that the city adopt the energy plan, adopt CCLEP as an advisory committee charged with implementing the plan, and designate a city council member to serve on the CCLEP advisory committee.

**Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to adopt the Cook County and Grand Marais Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Plan, designate CCLEP as the advisory committee, and appoint Tim Kennedy to the CCLEP Advisory Committee. Approved unanimously.**

The proposed animal ordinance was discussed. Section 10-42 will be amended to include the word “indoors” as in “animals kept indoors in a cage, tank or other container”. Enforcement of vaccinations was discussed.

**Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-15 An Ordinance of the City of Grand Marais, Minnesota, Amending Grand Marais Code, Chapter 10, Animals. Approved unanimously.**

**Ayes: Spry, Kennedy, Carlson**

**Nay: Lenz**

Lenz felt that the ordinance should address how enforcement of vaccinations would be handled.

Councilor Lenz’ Report:

- 1) Attended the Joint City/County/School Tribe Meeting. Items discussed included:
  - a) There will be a Community Center Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Commissioner’s Room from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The meeting is informative, but no decisions will be made. City Councilor’s may attend to listen, but not participate.
  - b) Asked who is responsible for the retention ponds and ditch/creek from start to finish. There is a contract with the county that dictates joint city/county maintenance.
  - c) The tribe is concerned about the wolf hunt, but will not take action at this time.
  - d) There is concern about the possible closing of the Taconite Power Plant and if our status with IRRRB will be affected.

Mayor Carlson’s Report:

- 1) North House Folk School invited the council to the blacktopping of the commons area.

Councilor Kennedy’s Report:

- 1) Attended a meeting at the school with a group that is trying to create a prosperous economic community plan through Northspan. At the next council meeting, they will request financial support to assist with the economic development plan.

**Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to designate Michael Roth and Annette K. Dunsmoor as official signatories for all retirement plans. Approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.