

*CITY OF GRAND MARAIS*  
*MINUTES*  
*November 9, 2011*

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

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

Members absent: Tim Kennedy

Staff present: Mike Roth, 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 on the same subject.

Hal Greenwood presented information he has collected of his own accord regarding the costs to renovate the existing pool. He contacted Aqualogic, a pool firm in Waconia, to ask for an opinion on renovating the pool. He also received quotes to replace windows, and install a new HVAC system. He presented this information to the County Board the previous day.

Gene Erickson recalled being a part of the effort to build the pool in 1977, and almost being run out of town with Dick Humphries for their effort. He said that is not old for a public building. He wondered if a \$10 million building would cost too much to operate. He feels guilty that they didn't maintain the pool as well as they could after they built it.

Evelyn Larsen asked if the contract with Burbach Aquatics has an expiration date.

Matt Hueltner asked if the City could be forced to build a new pool under their existing contract.

**Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda; October 26, 2011, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.**

Fire Chief Ben Silence updated the Council on firefighter recruiting, and asked for four new hires as paid-on-call firefighters..

**Motion by Lenz, seconded by Spry to hire Matt Conlon, Anton Moody, John Heiniman, and Becky Sturm as paid-on-call firefighters. Approved unanimously.**

The Council reviewed a report on the existing animal ordinance city code, and possible changes needed. The Council wished to seek input on certain animal issues including licensing, chickens and horses, and non-domestic animals.

Council directed staff to prepare a draft animal ordinance, identify policy questions for public input, and schedule a hearing at an upcoming meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.