

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
December 10, 2008

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members present: Evelyn Larsen, Edward Bolstad, Kay Costello, Tim Kennedy, and William Lenz

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Mike Kunshier and Kim Dunsmoor

The golf course budget was discussed. Some ways to save money would be cutting back on clubhouse help by adjusting the schedule, cut back on fertilizer and chemicals, and freeze capital purchases. Ideas to increase revenue included more local advertising, coupons, discounts or changing the rate structure to make it more appealing. It is important not to reduce the quality of the golf course. The realistic budget for the golf course is that it will lose \$15,000.

The 2009 Budget and levy were discussed. Due to significant state budget issues and the risk of not receiving our full Local Government Aid, it is not a good idea to cut our levy to 3%. Staff recommends leaving the levy at 4.47%. The budgeted general fund spending is an increase of 1.54%. The rest of the levy is due to capital improvement bond payments due in 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.