

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
September 9, 2009

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

Members present: Sue Hakes, Jan Sivertson, William Lenz, Kay Costello and Tim Kennedy

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Amber Clay and Kim Dunsmoor

The council discussed the pool budget and the changes that have been made to reduce the previous budget projection. Capital improvements were reduced from \$32,000 to \$5,000 in recognition of a lot of work that has been done to improve the pool and in recognition of the plan to see the pool operations moved to another location. We are not anticipating any major projects. Salaries were shifted between park departments based upon the expectations of time allocation. Part-time salaries were reduced to indicate the reduction of hours that the pool is open and having one lifeguard rather than two during historically low usage times.

The marina has added revenues and has received good reviews from boaters with the expanded docks and new configuration.

Cable TV is in limbo: we are looking for someone who knows how to operate PAC 13.

The levy calculation shows General Fund Spending at .03% increase. We made a lot of tough decisions to keep the overall levy increase as low as possible. Capital Improvements were increased by \$23,000: we will have time to decide if that amount should be decreased by December. Staff recommends setting the Preliminary Levy with a 3% increase over 2009. Staff and Council will continue to look for ways to refine and reduce the budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.