

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
May 13, 2009

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

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Mike Roth, Don Davison, Dave Tersteeg, Mike Taylor and Kim Dunsmoor

The council reviewed the budget and possible cuts or additional revenue as identified by department heads in response to the potential loss of additional local government aid up to \$50,000 in 2009 and \$100,000 in 2010. Options presented include reducing property maintenance staff from 2 full-time and 1 half-time positions to 2 full-time positions, reduce recreation area park staff time by scheduling fewer hours for seasonal part-time staff, reduce pool hours of operation, reclassify head lifeguard position, proactive leak detection, reduce porta-potties, defer pool maintenance, increase park rates, reduce discount for monthly rate on a sliding scale, have county contribute more toward losses at the pool, charge fees for services to other organizations, increase pool rate for campground patrons, sell additional dock slips and increase fuel sales, sell convenience items at the park office, decrease golf course maintenance, lease golf course to a private entity, Arrowhead Library Service contribution, eliminate seasonal library page, library fundraising, eliminate overtime, increase grey water fees, increase PUC contribution toward debt, increase pole attachment fees, charge fees to PUC for appropriate rent and administration costs, provide administrative services to the EDA for a fee. Some of these ideas are already being implemented, some need more research, and some will be more difficult to implement or are not desirable choices.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Sivertson to offer providing administrative services to the Economic Development Authority such as reception, phone, filing, copying, etc for a fee of \$500 per month. Approved unanimously.

Another budget worksession is scheduled for June 10, 2009, at 3:30 p.m.

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

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