

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
November 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, Pat Hennessy, Dave Tersteeg, Mike Kunshier and Kim Dunsmoor

Pat Hennessy presented the liquor store budget. The liquor store has two full-time employees and 7 part-time employees. We haven't had any turn over for a couple years. The liquor store predicts increased sales of 3% and the rent has increased. The liquor store continues to transfer \$200,000 to the general fund.

Dave Tersteeg and Mike Kunshier presented the golf course budget. In an effort to reduce costs, part-time hours are down, chemicals and fertilizers have been cut back, we are mowing less area and have done less of everything. Golf is very dependent on weather. In budgeting for 2010, the park board is looking at a ½ price program vs. a free program for campers. In either case, the park makes a transfer for rounds played at the end of the season. Increased usage by campers increases the use of carts, club rentals, and food sales. The county is contributing \$5,000 toward the golf course from their recreational fund. Some of the rates have been changed to encourage more first time golfers and there are coupons on the website. Council discussed moving the golf course into the general fund and the philosophy of breaking even, making money, or providing a service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.