

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
April 8, 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 and Kim Dunsmoor

Council discussed the 2009 Budget and council priorities. Council priorities identified include the 1% sales tax, capital improvement plan, maintenance facility, marina, municipal building, park master plan and the pool. We anticipate that the governor will reduce 2009 LGA by \$50,000 and 2010 LGA by \$100,000. Some areas to reduce expenses could be staffing reductions, hours reductions, overtime avoidance, defer maintenance, defer capital purchases, transfer expenses to appropriate enterprise funds, and find ways to conserve energy. New revenues could be found in new fees, increased fees, increase transfers from appropriate enterprise funds, or increase funding from outside sources.

In 2009, we already reduced the street department from 2 full-time positions and 1 part-time position to 1 full-time position and 2 part-time positions. The anticipated savings in this change is \$38,000. The county has agreed to help pay for the pool: however, the committee is still working on the agreement. Department heads will provide a list of ideas for reduction of expenses and increase of revenues for the next budget meeting. Mayor Hakes will send a letter to our legislators requesting a reduction in the proposed LGA cuts. Other ideas included reducing newspaper publications, asking other agencies to help pay for PAC-13 services and increasing the Visitor Center rent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.