

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003
1:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

Members present included Tom Beber, Klint Safford, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

No one else attended the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to have a workshop regarding the 2003-2004 budget for the city.

There was some concern regarding a cover letter Manager Commenator compiled about the RV Park Fund and the Water Fund. He noted that due to declining revenue and the increasing cost of medical insurance as part of fringe benefits, in order to balance the current budget, he would have to use fund reserves.

Also pointed out was in order to balance the preliminary budget, and cover projects we have already committed to fund, Commenator has to use money from our fund reserves for general and major funds.

Coates asked Commenator if he could raise the estimate from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for Police Dept. communications. He explained that our department does not have the higher band radio system that other departments have gone to, which creates a problem for communication.

Also discussed was replacing the raft at Ice Lake Park and replacing stairs at Nelson Field, as asked for by the Recreation Board.

Mayor Soderbloom questioned the overtime from the office staff and whether it is monitored by the Manager.

It was the general consensus of the board that Commenator make a couple of changes to the preliminary budget. One would be to add the additional \$2,000 for radios for the Police Dept. and grant the request by the Recreation Board for a dock at Ice Lake Park and new stairs at Nelson Field.

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the budget.

Coates moved with Safford supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk