

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
PUBLIC HEARING  
2010-2011 BUDGET  
Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
1:30 PM  
MINUTES**

Mayor Roger Zanon opened the Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Edward Marcell, Ray Coates, Thomas King, Michael Brozak and Zanon.

Absent: None

Also present: Manager John Archocosky, Attorney Mark Tousignant and Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Public in Attendance: Craig Richardson, Dennis Powell, Terry Tarsi and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

**Purpose of the Public Hearing:** to receive public comment on the proposed 2010-2011 City Budget.

Manager John Archocosky reported that the budget is very tight this year due to State budget cuts. A 13% decrease in Revenue Sharing is expected, which feeds our General Fund. Any road repairs that are taking place are being done in conjunction with other projects. Other funds are breaking even. We are not building reserves, but no increases in the water and sewer are necessary at this time. We are working on reducing staff, which will result in cost savings.

It is unclear what the County's position is concerning the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) issue. If an agreement cannot be reached with the County, the City/DDA will lose \$26,000 of TIF funds, and \$14,000 annually in the future. Those numbers are reflected in the budget.

Archocosky reminded the Council that the Budget is a tool or an outline to keep us on track, and the City is on solid ground.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ben Smith asked if we have experienced a decline in property values, because nationally value is down by 15%. Archocosky stated we are not experiencing what some other communities are. But we may feel it in the future due to the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A.

Zanon noted we have been forced to put a freeze on our Recreation budget and have not completed any road repairs other than cold-patching.

Coates moved to close the Public Hearing at 1:45 p.m. Brozak seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk, CMC