

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PUBLIC HEARING
2015-16 BUDGET
Wednesday, May 27, 2015
10AM
Minutes**

Mayor Terry Tarsi called the Public Hearing to order at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers at the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Daniel Baumgartner, Rick Commenator, Jere Fritsche, Edward Marcell (present at 10:12 a.m.) and Tarsi.

Absent: None.

Also present: Attorney Mark Tousignant, Manager Perry Franzoi, and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Joe Sovis, Kristen Meske (Acting City Treasurer) and Keith Hamel.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING: To receive public comment on the proposed 2015-16 City Operating Budget.

Baumgartner expressed concern with the condition of the City streets. He would like to utilize some of the reserves to apply to the local streets by setting guidelines.

Commenator commented that we are low on revenues and limited on what we can spend and will spend what we do have wisely.

Fritsche agreed with both Baumgartner's and Commenator's comments and also would like to utilize some of the reserves for something.

Tarsi would like all members of the Council to drive the streets and make a list of what they consider bad. He would then like to hold a work session and create a priority list for roads and possibly fund with the use of some of the reserves to at least show the residents we are doing something.

Franzoi would like to concentrate on roads and blight and look to somehow increase revenue.

Tarsi discussed productivity and that you work with what you have. After previous discussions with Franzoi, it is understood that because of the financial constraints, it is not possible to hire more people, so it is up to Franzoi to make sure each department is working efficiently and to the best of their ability and take pride in their work.

There being no further comment, Commenator moved to close the Public Hearing. Baumgartner seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Commenator moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Marcell seconded. All in favor; motion carried.


Rachel Andreski, City Clerk