

CITY OF IRON RIVER
BUDGET WORK SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 5, 2025
4:30 P.M.

Mayor Rodney Dood called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Dennis Powell, Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Mayor Dood.

Absent: Anthony Clements.

Also Present: City Manager Rachel Andreski, City Treasurer Amanda Tukesbrey, City Clerk Tyana Elenbaas and Interim City Attorney Hannah L. Goodman.

Public in Attendance – Dave Shoemaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Iron County Trail Club Expansion Proposal

Garcia stated that he represents the Iron County Trail Club and would like the Council to look over the proposal. The proposed area the Trail Club would like to convert is near the DPW building.

Interim City Attorney Goodman felt that the License Agreement provided by the Iron County Trail Club needed work. The language in the document didn't protect the City and its assets well enough.

Dood specified that the License Agreement must be put together by the Trail Club. He added that he is not opposed to the trail expansion, but he wants to make sure that the City is protected and the land will revert to the City if someone was to offer to buy the parcel.

Powell added that he too is for the expansion but believes that Trail Club needs to provide a better License Agreement.

Interim City Attorney Goodman felt that the City should provide notice to each of the residents who live by the proposed trail. She noted that transparency is a must.

Dood moved with support from Powell to table the Iron County Trail Club Expansion Proposal and hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed expansion.

Andreski stated a notice will be sent to owners within 300' ft of the property as well as advertise to Public Hearing in the Reporter.

BUDGET

The purpose of this work session was for Council Members to get acquainted with the City's Budget and to ask any questions they may have moving forward. Included in the meeting packet, was a Budget spreadsheet Tukesbrey created with a description of what each line item was made up from. She said for all to remember that this document is a living and breathing document that will continually change.

Tukesbrey said for the sake of time, she would only focus on the FY25-26 budget and would go fund by fund with questions after each. She said the City uses a balanced budget, which means any funds that come in as revenue, is allocated out as expenses. She said if your revenues and expenses are out of balance, you either have enough funds to go into the fund balance, or you overspent.

She said the City's budget is broken down into funds: General, Major Street, Local Street, Municipal Street, Cemetery, DDA/TIF, Surplus Property, RV Park, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Motor Pool Fund, and ABS Seamless. Each Fund is then broken down into departments. She said the General Fund is the only fund where money can be transferred in or out, to another fund, without any restrictions. Water Funds, Sewer Funds, and other Enterprise Funds can only be spent on Enterprise Funds.

Tukesbrey gave a detailed and thorough explanation of each Fund and each of Council's questions were answered.

Dood thanked Tukesbrey for a comprehensive explanation of the entire budget. He appreciated the time and effort Tukesbrey takes in order to make the budget make sense to the Council. He also mentioned that the City has not failed an audit and in fact aced the Federal Audit.

Andreski added that it is nearly impossible to pass a Federal Audit and Tukesbrey does a fantastic job because the people that did the audit couldn't find anything of interest. The auditor has never had a perfect federal audit in all his career until he did the City of Iron River's audit.

Powell thanked Tukesbrey and said he learned a lot.

Tukesbrey said if anyone has any questions in the future, they know how to get hold of her.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Shoemaker stated that while he is not a resident within the City, he is an outdoor enthusiast who adores our recreational trails.

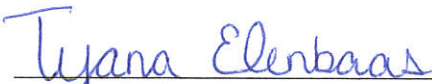
MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Garcia asked for clarification regarding the Trail Club expansion. He noted that he will not be able to attend the next meeting due to a prior engagement. He stated that a representative from the Iron County Trail Club will be at the next meeting to further discuss the expansion. He is hopeful that they will have a new License Agreement drafted for Interim City Attorney Goodman to review.

Andreski reminded the Council that the budget has been published in the Reporter as required by City Charter.

ADJOURNMENT

Dood adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.


Tyana Elenbaas, City Clerk