

Located in the gorgeous Western UP, The City of Bessemer is looking for a new City Manager



One of many local waterfalls



View from one of our Bluffs accessible by a trail in Bluff Valley Park



Lake Superior at Black River Harbor located 15 miles from Bessemer





Bessemer is located in the middle of **Big Snow Country** and has some of the best downhill skiing, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling in the mid-west. The town is located 15 miles from miles of pristine Lake Superior shoreline. In the summer there are miles and miles of trails to hike, mountain bike, and ride with UTV's. Black River Harbor has 5 different hikes with waterfalls going toward Lake Superior only 20 minutes away. Going through the city is the Iron Belle Trail, a paved, non-motorized trail, that connects Ironwood to Belle Isle Detroit.

The City of Bessemer is the seat of Gogebic County in between Ironwood and Wakefield. Since the county consists of smaller cities, these cities combined make up much of the community. Ironwood (5 miles away) has shopping, two local theatres, an art center, brewery, and more. In Wakefield (6 miles away) there's

Sunday Lake with a nice walking trail and campground. There are consistent events and festivals for the community as well as different groups and clubs for biking, gardening, classic cars, and more.

The City of Bessemer has a taxable value of \$32,404,250 and is growing. The annual budget is \$4.2 million. The City is finishing a three year construction project in 2023. At the end of this project, 75% of the water and sewer mains in the city will have 40 years or more of useful life remaining. The City has tentatively secured funding to replace all lead service lines in the city. The City of Bessemer is Redevelopment Ready Community Certified. Bessemer also has a Downtown Development Authority TIF with an annual income around \$50,000 and growing. The City currently has 10 phenomenal staff split between the office and department of public works.

The new City Manager should have these characteristics

- 1) Strive to constantly learn
- 2) Ability to learn quickly
- 3) Personable
- 4) Able to deescalate situations
- 5) Public Speaking
- 6) Able to communicate via written communications (email, manager's report, etc.)
- 7) Able to figure novel things out
- 8) Able to make a professional network
- 9) Thrives on planning
- 10) Vulnerable: not afraid to ask questions or admit mistakes

City Manager base salary is \$70,000 but negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Includes 2% defined benefit pension plus other benefits.

The City Council is seeking someone with grant writing knowledge and financial acumen. A background in engineering, law, finance, or municipal experience is beneficial but not required.

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to the City Secretary, Samantha Dorr at samantha.dorr@cityofbessemer.org. Applications will be accepted **until the position is filled**. Please indicate whether you would like your application kept confidential.

Any questions can be directed to the City Secretary, Samantha Dorr at samantha.dorr@cityofbessemer.org or 906-663-4311 ext. 108.