

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2007/7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, August 13, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Donna Anderson.

Members present: Kim Rasmussen, Loren Tolkkinen, and Dennis Komulainen and Julia Kicker. Department heads present: Gary Ryhti, Clair Erickson, Wayne Rost, and Teri Osterman.

ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING WITH THE WORD INTERRUPTED REPLACED WITH ASK AND TO REMOVE THE WORD WITH IN THE PARAGRAPH ADDRESSING OF THE COUNCIL BY JENSINE KURRTII. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Myron Knutson, Public Financial Management, presented the low bid for the 2007 Sewer Bond Project of 4.3131% by United Bankers Bank.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #813-07 APPROVING THE BONDING OF THE 2007 SEWER POND PROJECT WITH UNITED BANKERS BANK BEING THE LOW BID OF INTEREST AT 4.3131% AND A CLOSING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2007, FOR DEPOSIT OF THE FUNDS INTO THE CITY ACCOUNT. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Mike Mattson, First National Bank of Menahga Insurance reviewed the city insurance policy with the League of MN Cities with the council and explained the increase in cost of \$3,000. All properties owned by the city were revalued in 2007.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INSURANCE QUOTE FOR THE CITY AS PRESENTED. KICKER SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Jensine and Keith Kurtti asked the council for clarification on the Central Business District which is also in the Shoreland District. Kurtti's would like the council to change the Ordinance. No action was taken.

Sharon Tate, Blueberry Township, asked the council to make the fire contract the top priority and make necessary changes to the contract. Tate also questioned the sinking fund and the city's needs to have an attorney handle the issues. Tolkkinen informed Tate that the city did not involve their attorney until they received the threatening letter from Blueberry Township. Rasmussen agreed that the present contract is old and outdated and

that the city needs to change the contract for 2008. Tate brought up several other topics she felt were of concern.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO SET A DATE OF AUGUST 22, 2007, 7:00 P.M. FOR A FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE TOWNSHIPS TO CLEAR UP ANY ISSUES AND ADDRESS THE FIRE TRUCK PAYMENTS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Kicker, Fire Chief, reported one fire for the month of July at a turkey farm outside of the city limits. Kicker also reported that fireman Jim Day has returned to work full time after his eye injury while fighting a fire. Kicker also informed the council that the dance for Mid-Summer sponsored by the Relief Association was a success.

Gary Ryhti, Chief of Police, reported calls for the month of July: 1 felony assault, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 controlled substance, 1 minor consumption, 8 NSF checks, 8 animal complaints, 2 warrant arrests, and 16 traffic citations.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO GIVE THE STREET COMMITTEE AUTHORITY TO SET UP THE VERBAGE FOR THE SIGNS IN ODLANDS AND SOUTHGATE CONCERNING TRUCKS AND TO PLACE THE SIGNS. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Wayne Rost, Water and Sewer Department, reported that the pre-filling of the sewer pond was taking place today and that the project is nearing completion.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES AS PRESENTED WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CITY TO SEND LETTERS TO CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THEIR NEW METERS INSTALLED A DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 20 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENT OR TO BE CHARGED \$100 PER MONTH UNTIL A NEW METER IS INSTALLED. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE STREET COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2007. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2007 AND TABLE THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE COMMITTEE MEETS WITH THE TOWNSHIPS ON AUGUST 22, 2007. KICKER SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home Administrator, reported that the nursing home has five empty beds. Erickson reviewed the NH minutes and bids for a new van. A joint board budget meeting was set for August 27, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the nursing home

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR THE NURSING HOME WHICH INCLUDED ACCEPTING A BID OF \$31,782 FOR A NEW VAN FROM NORTH CENTRAL BUS SALES AND A SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM MACHINE AT A COST OF \$4,998. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Anderson stated she would like to appoint Maxine Norman to the Nursing Home board, and Roger Henstorf to the Planning Commission.

ANDERSON MOVED TO APPOINT ROGER HENSFORF TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

ANDERSON MOVED TO APPOINT MAXINE NORMAN TO THE NURSING HOME BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 9:14. P.M.