

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2003

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, January 13, 2003. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tom Larson.

The Oath of Office was taken by new council member Julia Kicker. Members present; Kim Rasmussen, Norman Hillukka, Dolly Dissmore, Julia Kicker, and Tom Larson.

A motion was made by Dissmore, seconded by Hillukka, to approve the minutes of the December meetings. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Guest Tom Halverson presented the council with a Revolving Loan Application. The loan application will be presented to the Clerk and then forwarded to Region 5 for review.

Fire Chief, David Kicker, reported a bed fire in a trailer, a stove car fire, one accident, one assist with the first responders, and a mutual aid fire with Sebeka. The mutual aid fire with Sebeka caused damage to the city pumper when debris from inside the new water pipe became clogged in the nozzle of the city pumper. Kicker also informed the council on the appointment of himself as Fire Chief, Assistant Fire chief - Jordan Torma, and Training Officer-Scott Nelson. Two new members are Chad Blaine and Kevin Eckhoff. The Fire Department also questioned the use of the city broom for the ice skating rink as they have been flooding the rink. Wayne Rost informed the council that a letter had been sent to the school requesting some compensation for the use of the city broom for the rink. No correspondence has been received from the school regarding this matter.

Consensus of the Council was that the city employees could do the brooming of the rink if the school pays for the service. Wayne will touch base with the school on the brooming of the rink.

A motion was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Kicker to accept the new officers for the Fire Department as presented. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief, Gary Ryhti, reported the number of calls for the month of December (1 burglary, 1 theft, 2 DUI, 1 assault, 12 NSF, 1 Animal comp). Ryhti also reported 17 traffic citations, 3 juvenile complaints, and 39 traffic warnings. Council was also given an end of the year report on all calls. Ryhti informed the council on the three year rotation on squad cars and gave them a date of Late February/Early March for the arrival of the new Crown Victoria that is on order.

Ryhti also briefed the council on two forfeitures of vehicles being done by the department.

Liquor Store Manager, Tom Gerszewski, discussed some employee issues and scheduling problems he has been having. Tom reported that a physical inventory was done on January 1 and the Auditor felt that the city could begin doing spot checks on inventory as soon as everything is in the new computer system. Advertising was also discussed and sent back to committee for consideration.

On committee recommendation a motion was made by Hillukka, seconded by Rasmussen to discharge Liquor Store employee Charilyn Knossalla for failure to comply with the termination of her Family Medical Leave Act. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the need for department heads to have a \$500 limit of spending without bringing the item to committee.

Nursing Home Administrator Clair Erickson was not present, the Council reviewed the minutes and financial statements of Greenwood Connections in their packets and discussed the need to have the financials printed every month. Council felt the financials should be given to the council

A motion was made by Dissmore, seconded by Kicker, to approve the minutes of the Greenwood Connections meeting minutes. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Wayne Rost, Utilities Superintendent briefed the council on the logging that is wrapping up at the city ponds. Follow up will be done to assure the city has been paid for all work being done.

Hugo Pulju, Spirit Lake Association, asked the council to consider having some signs made to post rules and regulations and to make sure people do not use the road by the new sewer. On issues regarding the Public Access Mr. Pulju was informed to take his requests and concerns to the Park and Beach Committees.

A motion was made by Dissmore, seconded by Hillukka, to approve the reimbursement of the City Clerk's petty cash in the amount of \$ 60.30. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Julia reported to the council that she would be attending the LMC Newly Elected Officials Conference in Grand Rapids on January 24 and 25.

A motion was made by Hillukka, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the attendance of Liquor Store Manager Tom Gerszewski at the MMBA Boot Camp. The appointment of Criminal Counsel Mark Hanson, The appointment of Legal Counsel - Luther Nervig. The Official newspaper - Menahga Messenger Review. The Official depository of 1st – National Bank and for long term the 4-M Fund. Acting Mayor Kim Rasmussen. Committee members as follows;

LIQUOR	RASMUSSEN & LARSON
STREET/WATER/SEWER	HILLUKKA & LARSON

ADMINISTRATION
FIRE
POLICE
NURSING HOME
PARK & BEACH

RASMUSSEN & LARSON
KICKER & DISSMORE
HILLUKKA & DISSMORE
LARSON & HILUKKA
KICKER & RASMUSSEN

All members were in favor, motions carried.

The bills for the month of December were approved on a motion by Dissmore, seconded by Kicker with the exclusion of a P& D Cleaning, and a Hanson Plumbing bill. Both bills will be reviewed and questioned by the department head before payment will be made. All members were in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

City Clerk/Treas/Adm

Mayor