

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 14, 2007/7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 14, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Donna Anderson.

Members present; Kim Rasmussen, Julia Kicker, Loren Tolkkinen, and Dennis Komulainen.

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETINGS. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Ron Neisess, Street Department, reported the cost of crack sealing and the 11<sup>th</sup> Street upgrade. The crack sealing quote is \$20,000 for the west side of town. The 11<sup>th</sup> Street completion quotes were \$5,100 and \$5,260 to set a base 9-ton road.

**TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE STREET COMMITTEE MINUTES WHICH APPROVE FOR STREET CRACK SEALING AND THE 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROJECT. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**KICKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE MENAHGA MEMORIAL FOREST CAMPGROUND AND THE PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF 2007 LIFEGUARDS. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Rose Alajoki, Menahga Moves Forward, reported that Blueberry Township has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the Healthy Communities Grant. Mayor Anderson stated she would like to be involved in the MMF project.

Julia Kicker needed to be excused for a concert at the school.

**TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPOINT DONNA ANDERSON AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY. TOLKKINEN RESCINDED THE MOTION AND ASKED THE COUNCIL TO WAIT UNTIL JULIA KICKER WAS AVAILABLE TO SEE IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SERVE AS A CITY REPRESENTATIVE. NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Maxine Norman, Regional Extension Education representative, briefed the council on the work she does and the programs available through the University of Minnesota Extension office. Norman informed the council she is available for consulting services at a price of \$100 to \$125 per hour.

Gary Ryhti, Police Chief, reported the calls for the month of April: 1 burglary, 1 theft, 1 agg DUI, 1 interfering with a 9-1-1 call. Misdemeanors: 1 theft, 1 domestic, 5 animal

complaints, and 221 traffic citations. Ryhti updated the council on the county software and the fact that we are waiting for a quote for the purchase.

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ADOPT A PARKING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY TO ADOPT WEIGHT RELATED TRAFFIC AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS. IT WAS NOTED THAT A RESOLUTION WILL SET THE SIGNAGE FOR THE PARKING ORDINANCE. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**KOMULAINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPAIRING THE COMPRESSOR AT THE WATER PLANT PROVIDING A BACK UP SYSTEM AND A 5 YEAR LIFT STATION REPAIR PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT HEAD AND A DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007, TO HAVE ALL NEW METERS INSTALLED. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home Administrator, reported the bed closures for the nursing home with the incentive closure moved to August 1, 2007. Erickson also reported that Patty McCullough is moving along on the market analysis.

**KOMULAINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR THE NURSING HOME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE A PARCEL SPLIT FOR THE CHARLIE AND LISA DORMANEN PROPERTY FORMING A NEW LOT WHICH IS 100' x 150'. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**TOLKKINEN MOVED TO AWARD THE 2007 SEWER POND EXPANSION BID TO BLOMBECK CONSTRUCTION OF EAGLE BEND, MN, AT A COST OF \$932,254.99. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE FUND BALANCE CASH RECEIPT SOFTWARE FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO BEGIN EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JULY. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**KOMULAINEN MOVED TO CUT A - A/P CHECK TO RON DUNBAR FOR ONE DAY OF SNOW PLOWING. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADMIN COMMITTEE MINUTES AND AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SET UP A WORK TABLE MEETING WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE NURSING HOME OPERATION. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR CITY AND LIQUOR STORE AS PRESENTED. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

It was noted that Julia Kicker and Donna Anderson were both interested in sitting on a committee for the MMF community grant program.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.