

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007/7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, January 9, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Donna Anderson.

Clerk/Treas/Adm. Teri Osterman administered the Oath of Office to Donna Anderson, Julia Kicker and Dennis Komulainen.

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

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING WITH THE ADDITION TO THE MOTION REGARDING THE HCSP PLAN OF THE VERBAGE “UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY ½ OF ALL HOURS OF SICK PAY UP TO A MAXIMUM OF ½ OF 496 HOURS WILL BE ROLLED INTO A HCSP.” KICKER SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Dale Hendrickson, Todd-Wadena Electric, read a letter to the City of Menahga and Council praising the city on the final payment of an interest free loan to the city from Todd-Wadena.

Gary Ryhti, Police Chief, reported the calls for the month of December; 1 felony burglary, 1 Agg. DUI, 1 felony domestic, 2 domestics, 2 DUI, 1 Interfering with 911 (construction of justice), 3vandalism, 3 damage to property, and 11 traffic citations. Ryhti also presented the yearly report to the council.

Tom Gerszewski, Liquor Store Manager, reported the bottom line for the year at approximately \$60,000. Gerszewski also informed the council that one of his full-time employees will be returning to work after a couple months off with a broken arm.

Ron Neisess, Street Department, discussed the purchase of bulk fuel and the thought of dividing the business between two Menahga businesses. Council instructed Neisess to talk to both suppliers and bring the information back to the council at a later date for review. Neisess also reminded the council that trees in the boulevard are the responsibility of the home owner and that the city is not equipped with the proper equipment to care for trees. Council also asked Neisess to develop a plan for seal coating in the city.

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home Administrator, reported the census of 69 beds full and briefed the board of the January meeting. Erickson told the council he is pursuing a grant with the County to study system changes. It was noted that this would be a 50% match. Erickson also reported that he has made staff cuts of approximately 12 people in the nursing home.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NURSING HOME FINANCIALS AND REQUESTED A CORRECTION IN THE MINUTES TO REFLECT THAT THE NURSING HOME IS PURSUING A GRANT NOT APPLYING FOR A GRANT. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPOINT JEFF PEDERSON CRIMINAL COUNSEL FOR THE CITY FOR THE 2007 YEAR. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KICKER MOVED TO APPOINT PAUL CARLSON OF KENNEDY/NERVIG CIVIL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE CITY FOR THE 2007 YEAR. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPOINT 1ST NATIONAL BANK, 4-M FUND AND TRU STAR OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY FOR THE 2007 YEAR. KICKER SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO APPOINT THE REVIEW MESSENGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY FOR THE 2007 YEAR. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

ANDERSON MOVED TO APPOINT ONLY ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO THE NURSING HOME BOARD AND NOT TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE REMAINDER OF BOARD MEMBERS TO COME FROM THE COMMUNITY. AYE VOTES; ANDERSON, KOMULAINEN. NAYES; TOLKKINEN, KICKER, AND RASMUSSEN. MOTION DENIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2007 AS FOLLOWS:

LIQUOR	ANDERSON & KICKER
STREET	KOMULAINEN & TOLKKINEN
WATER/SEWER	TOLKKINEN & ANDERSON
ADMINISTRATION	RASMUSSEN & ANDERSON
FIRE	TOLKKINEN & KOMULAINEN
POLICE	KOMULAINEN & KICKER
NURSING HOME	ANDERSON & TOLKKINEN
PARK & BEACH	KICKER & RASMUSSEN

KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

ANDERSON MOVED TO APPOINT JULIA KICKER AS ACTING MAYOR. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. AYES: ANDERSON, KOMULAINEN, AND KICKER. NAYES: TOLKKINEN, RASMUSSEN.

Rasmussen asked to go on record for voting against the appointment of Julia Kicker as acting mayor. Rasmussen told Kicker that her vote was not personal, but informed Mayor Anderson she refuses to play games at the council table and that the appointment was prearranged. Rasmussen stated she took her job as council person very serious and

that the acting mayor is a position that has no power or added duties unless the mayor is absent and there is no close roll between the mayor and acting mayor.

ANDERSON MOVED TO APPOINT TODD SHEPERSKY TO A 3-YR TERM AND RUDY OLLANKETO TO A 4-YR TERM ON THE NURSING HOME BOARD. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

City Clerk/Treas/Adm.

Mayor