

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 9, 2007/7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, July 9, 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. Absent : Julia Kicker. Department heads present: Gary Ryhti, Ron Neisess, Wayne Rost, Clair Erickson, Tom Gerszewski, and Teri Osterman

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

**KOMULAINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Mike Carr and Bill Cross, Wadena County Sheriff's Department, reported to the council that the department will be giving the Menahga Police Department the CIS software used by the county for free. This is a savings of approximately \$2,500. The Sheriff's Department hopes that this savings will allow the City of Menahga to begin adding computers to their squad cars to work towards total county wide mobilization.

Gary Ryhti, Chief of Police, reported calls for the month of June: 1 felony fleeing a police officer, 7 NSF checks, 5 animal complaints, and 16 traffic citations.

Tom Gerszewski, Liquor Store Manager, reported that Mid-Summer celebration went very smoothly. Tom informed the council that he will get together with Susie Larson to review operating supplies for the Liquor Store.

Ron Neisess, Street Department, reported that Bargins will begin crack-sealing on the West side of town tomorrow. Council requested that Neisess check into the circuit problems with the electricity for the pavilions at the Park and take steps to fix the problem. Neisess informed the council that the 11<sup>th</sup> Street project will be done and completed in August.

Wayne Rost, Water/Sewer Department, reported to the council that the pond project is about two weeks ahead of schedule. Rost also discussed sewer breaks on water bills for customers watering their lawns. Rost reported that currently the policy has been in order to receive a break a resident/business would need to install a second meter just for watering. Council consensus was to leave the policy as stands and to not give any credits for lawn watering.

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home Administrator, presented a proposal to install a well at the nursing home to use for watering the lawn. Erickson reported that he has received bids for the well and the cost of installation would be approximately \$6,000. Erickson also reported that the Dodge minivan has 176,000 miles on it and needs to be replaced. Erickson also informed the council that he has received a preliminary market analysis and that he would be reviewing it before he gives the council at a later date.

**TOLKKINEN MOVED TO TABLE THE WELL ISSUE AT THE NURSING HOME FOR FURTHER REVIEW. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NURSING HOME MINUTES AND FINANCIALS WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE WELL ISSUE. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**TOLKKINEN MOVED TO SELL AN ADDITIONAL LOT TO JP STRUCTURES IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR EXPANSION OF THEIR BUSINESS. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**KOMULAINEN MOVED TO PROCEED WITH THE SHUT OFF OF WATER/SEWER SERVICES TO SEVERAL CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN NUMEROUS NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING THEIR UTILITY ACCOUNTS UP TO DATE. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #705-07 – WADENA HAZARD MITIGATION RESOLUTION. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Rasmussen presented a Chain of Command Clarification to the Council.

Jensine Kurtti, citizen, asked the council questions on the Central Business and Shoreland Management Zones. No action was taken.

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 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.