

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2007 / 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was called to order on Monday, February 12, 2007, 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 JANUARY MEETING. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Chris Thorson, Ulteig Engineering, presented the proposed plans and specifications for the sewer treatment pond to the Council. The proposed estimate for the project is \$1.5 million. The proposed project timelines are: Advertise for Bids – April 2007, Award Bid – May 2007, Project Completion – September/October 2007.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #0212-07 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY (PFA) FUNDING. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT POND AND AUTHORIZE THE PROJECT TO BE BID. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Kim Hysjulien, Pathway Health Services, presented a proposal to the Council for an Operational Assessment of the Menahga Nursing Home. Hysjulien briefs the Council on his company and the process an Operational Assessment would follow. The cost of the assessment would be \$13,500 and the timeline for completion would be four to six weeks.

Gary Ryhti, Police Chief, reported the calls for the month of January: 2 Felony Agg. DUIs, 1 Domestic, 2 DUIs, 5 NSF Checks, 1 Animal Complaint, 1 Minor Consumption, and 11 Traffic Citations. Rhyti also relayed his plans to the Council to meet in committee on the purchasing of a police software program.

Tom Gerszewski, Liquor Store Manager, requested the Council put Kim Rasmussen back on the Liquor Committee. Gerszewski informed the Council that Rasmussen is a reliable, important and dynamic committee member and has contributed to the success of the liquor operation.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO PLACE RASMUSSEN ON THE LIQUOR COMMITTEE AND TO REMOVE ANDERSON. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Wayne Rost, Utilities Department, reported the completion of the Lake Lift Station. Rost also informed the Council the Liftmoor crane for his utility truck is here and the crew is working on installing it.

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home Administrator, discussed the census of 71 with the Council. Erickson also told the Council John Knopik would be attending a later Nursing Home Board meeting to discuss the process and availability of a Strategic Plan Grant. Erickson and the Council discussed bed closures and the Nursing Home Board minutes. Erickson was asked to strike "to recommend the firm of Health Planning and Management Resources, Inc. of Edina to the City Council."

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NURSING HOME MINUTES AND FINANCIALS WITH THE NOTED CHANGES. KICKER SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Review was scheduled for April 30, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the Menahga City Hall.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO PURCHASE A NEW COMPUTER FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY AND MOVE HER COMPUTER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE A PARCEL SPLIT WITH A VARIANCE FOR DAVE AND DORI BUNNELL. TOLKKINEN SECONDED, ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO PAY THE BILLS FOR THE CITY AND LIQUOR STORE AS PRESENTED. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONFERENCE PRICE AND A MOTEL ROOM BUT NO MILEAGE FOR THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE IN MAY. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO HIRE PATHWAY HEALTH SERVICES TO DO AN OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE NURSING HOME FOR THE COUNCIL. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Kicker, Fire Chief, reported two fires in Shell River Township and that he is working on Mutual Aid Contracts. Kicker also informed the Council the officer roster will remain the same and that Randy Berttunen is a trustee of the Fire Relief Board.

The annual Fire Contract meeting was noted as February 15, 2007.

The meeting was closed for attorney/client privileges regarding potential litigation.

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

City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Mayor