

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2007/7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 11, 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. Department heads present: Gary Ryhti, Ron Neisess, Wayne Rost, Clair Erickson, and Teri Osterman.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13 MEETING REMOVING THE NOTATION ADVISED BY ATTORNEY PAUL CARLSON THAT THE ZONING ISSUE WAS DENIED. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28 MEETING AND TO STRIKE THE 2ND TO LAST PARAGRAPH. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29TH MINUTES. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4TH JOINT COUNCIL AND NURSING HOME BOARD MEETING. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Ron Neisess, Street Department, presented a quote for the purchase of a new lawn mower to be purchased in 2007 and split between the Beach/Park/Water/Sewer Departments at a cost of \$7,817.96.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A HUSQVARNA MOWER FROM TED'S HARDWARE AT A COST OF \$7,817.96. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Gary Ryhti, Police Chief, reported the calls for the month of November as: Felony Complaints – 1 theft, 1 Domestic Strangulation. Misdemeanor Complaints – 1 theft, 1 domestic, 7 NSF checks, 1 animal complaint, 1 public nuisance, and 14 traffic citations. Ryhti also reported a break-in at the Post Office and a \$1,000 reward offered by the US Postal Service.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT AND SIGN THE WADENA SHERIFF CJ INFORMATION SYSTEM AGREEMENT. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO APPROVE AND SEND A RESOLUTION TO THE COUNTY #1211-07 REQUESTING “NO OVERNIGHT PARKING” ON THE 100 BLOCK OF 1ST STREET NE. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Clair Erickson, Nursing Home, reported that he is working on an insurance plan for the employees that will be a \$3,000 deductible plan with the Nursing Home paying into a HCSP. Erickson also informed the council that the nursing home was down to 61 beds today. Erickson approached the council about his talking to an architect on new plans for an assisted living plus as outlined in the market analysis study.

Rasmussen voiced her opinion stating that the city has not made any decision to go that route and that she was under the impression that the market analysis was part of a three phase plan on the future direction of the nursing home and the city involvement. Tolkkinen stated that future directions have not been discussed at the nursing home board level and that the city needs to sit down and decide what direction we are going in before hiring or working with an architect.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NURSING HOME MINUTES AND FINANCIALS. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NURSING HOME AUDIT FOR 2007. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Wayne Rost, Water/Sewer Department, informed the council on the Letter of Completion for the new pond and presented the Sewer debt increase on the utility bills for 2008.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEBT INCREASE ON THE UTILITY BILLS AS PRESENTED. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2008 TAX LEVY AT \$305,617 AND TO CERTIFY IT TO THE COUNTY. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF MILLER, MCDONALD INC. FOR THE 2007 AUDIT. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE A PARCEL SPLIT FOR JERRY KLEMZ AS PRESENTED. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE TWO GAMING PERMITS FOR THE C & C AND WAIVE THE WAITING PERIOD OF 30 DAYS FOR THE FISHING DERBY PERMIT OF JANUARY 26, AND NOT WAIVE THE 30 DAYS ON THE PERMIT FOR THE MID-SUMMER CELEBRATION. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE VFW FOR THE 2008 YEAR. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Jensine Kurtti requested to be heard during public input on a building permit and Conditional Use Permit issue on her church property. A Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for December 20 was cancelled and will be rescheduled for the first week in March.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO SEND ERIC MYHRE'S NAME TO REGION V FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLACING HIM ON THEIR COMMITTEE. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Anderson requested that any monies left in the council travel and conference be paid to her for cost she incurred attending training class in 2007.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO PAY THE BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE BUDGET REMAINING TO ANDERSON AS REIMBURSEMENT OF HER EXPENSES. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2007/8:30 A.M.

The special meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 18, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mayor Donna Anderson.

PURPOSE: City Attorney to discuss response to finding of probable cause and potential risk legal strategy involving a nursing home employee.

Members present: Kim Rasmussen, Loren Tolkkinen, and Dennis Komulainen.
Department heads present: Clair Erickson, Teri Osterman and City Attorney Paul Carlson.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO REQUEST THE CITY NOT ENTER INTO MEDIATION WITH THE EMPLOYEE. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO TENURE THE CASE TO THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST TO DEFEND CONCERNING ANY FURTHER ISSUES WITH PAUL CARLSON TO NOTIFY THE LMCIT. RASMUSSEN SECONDED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.