

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

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, June 11, 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. Department heads present: Gary Ryhti, and Teri Osterman

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

Don Zierke, Miller McDonald, Inc., reviewed the financial statements for the city with the council. Zierke informed the council that the city is in good financial shape and has reserves of approximately 65% with more than 6 months worth of revenue on hand.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CITY AUDIT AS PRESENTED. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Gary Ryhti, Chief of Police, reported calls for the month of May: 1 theft, 1 assault, 1 fleeing a police officer, 3 domestics, 1 DUI, 8 NSF checks, 6 animal complaints, 3 minor consumption, and 22 traffic citations. Ryhti also discussed pedestrian crossing at 87 and Main and the cost to place crosswalk pedestals at \$305 each. Ryhti informed the council Mayor Anderson and himself had discussed them on a drive to a meeting in Wadena.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO SEND THE CROSSWALK SIGN ISSUE TO THE STREET AND POLICE COMMITTEES. ANDERSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND THE FINANCIALS FOR THE NURSING HOME INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF PAYROLL SOFTWARE. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

In the absence of the Nursing Home Administrator Kim Rasmussen asked board members of the nursing home if they had any idea when the Market Analysis Study was scheduled to be done and also questioned the number of violations on the MN Department of Health report for this year. There were 11 violations and 2 State Fire Marshall violations.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #07-0605 ALLOWING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS SPENT ON THE SEWER POND PROJECT PRIOR TO BOND APPROVAL. KOMULAININ SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES AND THE USE OF PFM (PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) AS BOND CONSEL FOR THE SEWER POND BOND. KICKER SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

June 25, 2007, was set for a special council meeting with the nursing home board invited to review the Ordinance governing the Nursing Home with the city attorney, Paul Carlson.

KICKER MOVED TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT FOR THE VFW BEER GARDEN AND THE FIRE RELIEF DEPARTMEN DANCE AT THE LIQUOR STORE PARKING LOT FOR MIDSUMMER. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BIDS FOR THE LAWN MOWERS AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AS PRESENTED. TOLKKINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held concerning a letter sent to the city from Blueberry Township regarding fire coverage. Tolkkinen asked if BB Township had made payment of their contract. After learning that they had made payment but had not returned a contract to the city as of today, Tolkkinen voiced his extreme disappointment with Blueberry Township as a meeting was held in February prior to Fire Department contracts being approved and BB Township had no concerns at that time. Since that time they have voiced numerous concerns and held a meeting to involve the other townships with their concerns.

TOLKKINEN MOVED TO SEND A COMMUNICATION TO BLUEBERRY TOWNSHIP THAT INFORMED THEM THAT THE CITY WILL DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS WITH THEM ONLY AFTER A SIGNED CONTRACT IS RECEIVED BY THE CITY WITH A DEADLINE FOR THE CONTRACT TO REACH THE CITY OF JULY 20, 2007. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

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

The meeting was closed for discussion of a personnel issue.

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