

**City of Menahga
Special Meeting City Council Minutes
January 22, 2025**

a. Call to Order

The Menahga City Council held a Special Meeting on Friday, January 22, 2025.

Mayor Bjornson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

b. Roll Call

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:

Mayor Jody Bjornson

Mike Netland

Keith Waaraniemi

Bill Hodge

Durwin Tomperi - Absent

Office Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Brett Gagnonpalick

c. Pledge of Allegiance.

d. Interviews for Deputy Clerk

The council interviewed four candidates for the position of Deputy Clerk Treasurer. Kelly Kumpula, Alyssa Miller, Diane Vry, and Branda Williams.

f. Mayor Bjornson closed the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Closed Session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, sub 3(b), for the purpose of receiving or discussing data or information that qualifies for protection under the attorney-client privilege.

Main Motion: To close the meeting to discuss matters pertaining to ongoing litigation against the city and discuss recent.

Moved by:	Bjornson
Seconded:	Hodge
Action:	Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote
In favor:	Hodge, Waaraniemi, Bjornson, Netland
Opposed:	None

Mayor Bjornson opened the Closed Meeting at 6:51 pm, the summary of which is based on advice from our LMC appointed attorney in relation to ongoing litigation between the City and plaintiff, the sale of Pleasant Pine Acres and assessing past due water back billing to plaintiff's property taxes for the 2025 season.

Resolution 2025-04 was presented to the council for their consideration. Certifying delinquent utility accounts to property taxes.

Main Motion: To adopt Resolution 2025-04.

Moved by:	Netland
Seconded:	Hodge
Action:	Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote
In favor:	Hodge, Waaraniemi, Bjornson, Netland
Opposed:	None

Mayor Bjornson closed the session at 7:44pm to discuss labor relations matters as permitted by the Minnesota Statutes 13D.03, Subd. 1, specifically regarding the hiring process for the new Deputy Clerk position. This closure is necessary to discuss sensitive labor negotiations, strategies, and personnel data that are not public.

Main Motion: To close the session in order to discuss hiring and onboarding of the new Deputy Clerk.

Moved by:	Netland
Seconded:	Hodge
Action:	Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote
In favor:	Hodge, Waaraniemi, Bjornson, Netland
Opposed:	None

Mayor Bjornson motioned to open the closed session 8:29.

Mayor Bjornson summarized the closed session by stating will extend an offer to Diane Vry for \$31.00/h to take the role of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Menahga. They will extend an offer to Allyssa Miller to take the role of Administrative Clerk, wages to be negotiated.

g. Adjournment

Main Motion: To adjourn at 8:32 pm.

Moved by:	Waaraniemi
Seconded:	Hodge
Action:	Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote
In favor:	Hodge, Waaraniemi, Bjornson, Netland
Opposed:	None

City Clerk/Treasurer Brett Gagnonpalick

Mayor Jody Bjornson