

**City of Menahga
Special Meeting City Council Minutes
January 28, 2025**

a. Call to Order

The Menahga City Council held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Acting Mayor Hodge called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

b. Roll Call

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

Mayor Jody Bjornson - Remote

Mike Netland – Remote

Keith Waaraniemi

Bill Hodge - Acting Mayor

Durwin Tomperi

Office Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Brett Gagnonpalick - Partly Remote

c. Pledge of Allegiance.

d. Applicant Discussion and Possible Action

Gagnonpalick gives a summary of where the city is at regarding hiring a Deputy Clerk. An offer was extended to Diane Vry and declined pending further negotiations. Gagnonpalick apprises the council of their options going forward. Gagnonpalick suggests that the council move to a closed session to discuss the strategy for the city's next move.

Closed session to discuss labor relations matters as permitted by Minnesota Statutes § 13D.03, Subdivision 3(a), 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 meeting to discuss the city's strategy in hiring a Deputy Clerk.

Moved by:	Tomperi
Seconded:	Waaraniemi
Action:	Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote
In favor:	Hodge, Waaraniemi, Bjornson, Netland, Tomperi
Opposed:	None

Acting Mayor Hodge closed the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Acting Mayor Hodge opened the closed meeting at 6:26 pm.

Summary of Closed meeting as follows in a motion:

Main Motion: To approve the City Clerk/Treasurer to offer Diane Vry \$32.50 for the Deputy Clerk position and if she declines, approve City Clerk/Treasurer to offer position and negotiate with Kelly Kumpula.

Moved by:	Bjornson
Seconded:	Tomperi
Action:	Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote
In favor:	Hodge, Waaraniemi, Bjornson, Netland, Tomperi
Opposed:	None

e. Adjournment

Main Motion: To adjourn at 6:27 pm.

Moved by:	Tomperi
Seconded:	Waaraniemi
Action:	Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote
In favor:	Hodge, Waaraniemi, Bjornson, Netland, Tomperi
Opposed:	None

City Clerk/Treasurer Brett Gagnonpalick

Mayor Jody Bjornson