

City of Menahga
Regular City Council Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2018

A. Call to Order

The Menahga City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018. Mayor Foss called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

B. Roll Call

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

Tim Ellingson	Dennis Komulainen	Craig Lawrey
Maxine McNeece – via skype	Patrick Foss	

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Foss added the following two agenda items to the consent agenda:

- Action Memorandum 18-008: Authorize City Sponsorship of the 2018 Art Leap Event at St Urho Park
- Action Memorandum 18-009: Authorize the City Administrator to Open an Additional Bank Account at Community First Bank to be used for the ATM at the Liquor Store

1. Approval of consent agenda
 - a. Action Memorandum 18-001: Approve Review Messenger as the 2018 Official City Newspaper
 - b. Action Memorandum 18-002: Approve Community First Bank of Menahga and Sebeka, TruStar Federal Credit Union, Ehlers Investments and the 4-M Fund as the 2018 Official Depositories
 - c. Action Memorandum 18-003: Appoint Pederson and Pederson PA as the City's 2018 Criminal and Civic Legal Counsel
 - d. Action Memorandum 18-004: Confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Council Member Tim Ellingson to the Planning Commission and Council Members Lawrey and McNeece to the Nursing Home Advisory Board
 - e. Action Memorandum 18-008: Authorize City Sponsorship of the 2018 Art Leap Event at St Urho Park
 - f. Action Memorandum 18-009: Authorize the City Administrator to Open an Additional Bank Account at Community First Bank to be used for the ATM at the Liquor Store
 - g. Introduction – Ordinance No. 2018-001: Amending Menahga Municipal Code Chapter 31, Sections 35-39, Planning Commission (IM 18-001)
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. December 11, 2017, Special Meeting Minutes
 - b. December 11, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - c. December 18, 2017, Special Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: To approve the agenda, consent agenda and minutes

Moved by:	Lawrey
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

E. Communication and Appearance Requests

F. Public Input

G. Reports by Departments

1. Greenwood Connections Administrator – Laura Ahlf
 - Announced the census as 61;
 - Commented on the November financials;
 - Spoke of the CNA class;
 - Expanded on the expansion project; and
 - Referred to the wireless call system and wireless internet access points.

Main Motion: To approve the minutes and financials

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Lawrey
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

2. City Administrator – Janette Bower
 - Referred to her written report; and
 - A special meeting/work session was scheduled for January 26 at 10 am.

H. Notices and Communications

I. Public Hearings

J. Unfinished Business

K. New Business

Item 1 – Action Memorandum 18-005: Authorize the Purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer Utility Squad Car in the Amount of \$45,570.00 from Ford of Hibbing

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 18-005

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Lawrey
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

Council Member Ellingson:

- Questioned why the camera was being purchased as opposed to leasing as had been the previous process.

Mayor Foss:

- Explained the previous leasing options and processes;
- Expanded on the conversation with the Chief regarding the Ford purchase;
- Stated body cameras were not used at this time due changing laws; and
- Conveyed his conversation with Sheriff Carr regarding the Ford units.

Council Member Komulainen:

- Inquired of the use of body cameras.

City Administrator Bower:

- Spoke of the economics of purchasing the camera versus leasing; and
- Commented on the meeting with the Chief regarding the vehicle.

Council Member McNeece:

- Questioned the purchase of a Ford versus a Chevrolet.

Item 2 – Action Memorandum 18-006: Authorize the use of Wex Gas Cards by the Menahga Fire and Police Departments

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 18-006

Moved by:	Lawrey
Seconded by:	McNeece
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

Item 3 – Action Memorandum 18-007: Authorize the Hire of Joseph Meyer as a Part-time Janitor

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 18-007

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Komulainen
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

L. Consideration of Bills

Main Motion: To approve payment of the bills

Moved by:	Lawrey
Seconded by:	Komulainen
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

Main Motion: To install a sign at St. Urho Park

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Lawrey
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

M. Meeting Adjourned

Main Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm

Moved by:	Lawrey
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Ellingson, Komulainen, McNeece, Lawrey
Opposed:	None

Janette M. Bower, Administrator

Patrick Foss, Mayor