

**City of Menahga**  
**Regular City Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**A. Call to Order**

The Menahga City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. 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
Maxine McNeece	Patrick Foss

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Approval of Agenda**

1. Approval of consent agenda
2. Approval of minutes
  - a. September 11, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

**E. Communication and Appearance Requests**

1. Rick Pinnick, C&C – Fishing Derby Gaming Permit
  - Request for approval to sign the gaming permit for the Fishing Derby.

**Main Motion: To approve the gaming permit**

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

2. Mark Hanson, West Central Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA)

**F. Public Input**

## G. Reports by Departments

### 1. Greenwood Connections Administrator – Laura Ahlf

Council Member McNeece:

- Commended Ms. Ahlf for her work on the expansion project and successful ground breaking ceremony;
- Expanded on Ms. Ahlf's recommendation to not apply for ECPN funds; and
- Referred to the financial statements.

#### **Main Motion: To approve the minutes and financials**

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

### 2. City Administrator – Janette Bower

- Expanded on the C&C Christmas tree project at St Urho park;
- Spoke of the Playground project and the need to obtain additional quotes from playground equipment companies and available funding cycles;
- Referred to the progress on the Small Cities Development grant project; and
- Highlighted the RezNexus campground reservation program.

Mayor Foss:

- Congratulated Dave Kicker on his Fire Chief of the Year award.

## H. Notices and Communications

### I. Public Hearings

### J. Unfinished Business

### K. New Business

**Item 1** – Action Memorandum 17-055: Authorize Ulteig Engineering to Proceed with the Menahga Cemetery Boundary Topographic Survey Project

#### **Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 17-055**

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

Council Member McNeece:

- Questioned the cost and the services provided; and
- Voiced the expectation for an itemized quote.

Mayor Foss:

- Expanded on the engineering services;
- Spoke of the amount of available plots; and
- Referred to the maintenance of cemeteries without available space.

Council Member Komulainen:

- Inquired of the amount of available plots; and
- Questioned what would happen if the cemetery runs out room.

Administrator Bower:

- Spoke of Ulteig and the other engineering firms who may be able to accomplish the work.

Council discussed contacting other engineering firms and consented to move the action memorandum to the November 13, 2017, meeting.

## **Item 2 – City Investments**

The council discussed the presented investments from Community First Bank and expressed the need for clarification regarding the fees. The council consented to address the issue during the October 19, special meeting.

## **Item 3 – 2018 City of Menahga Budget**

Administrator Bower:

- Expanded on the updated budget documents; and
- Spoke of the state contract regarding squad cars.

Mayor Foss:

- Commented on the need to accomplish maintenance and repair work at the Beach and Park;
- Expressed the need to accomplish projects; and
- Stated the City was not a bank and spoke of the need to budget from the reserves to accomplish the work.

Council Member McNeece:

- Inquired of the budgeted lifeguards;
- Requested an itemized list of the projects to be completed at the Beach and Park; and
- Spoke of the need for additional beach signage.

Council Member Ellingson:

- Commented on the City of Deer Creek's reader board signage;
- Spoke of faded signs in need of updating;
- Expanded on his conversation with Police Officer Waaraniemi regarding the squad car models; and
- Voiced the need for additional work on Cottonwood and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW.

**L. Consideration of Bills**

**Main Motion: To approve payment of the bills**

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

**M. Meeting Adjourned**

**Main Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm**

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

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Janette M. Bower, Administrator

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Patrick Foss, Mayor