

City of Menahga
Regular City Council Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2018

A. Call to Order

The Menahga City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 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

1. Approval of consent agenda
 - a. Action Memorandum 18-010: Confirm the Appointment of Dave Kicker as the Menahga Fire Chief
 - b. Action Memorandum 18-011: Authorize a \$725 Endowment Pledge to the Initiative Foundation
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. January 8, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes
 - b. January 8, 2018, Regular 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 bed hold rates;
 - Referred to the dietary position;
 - Stated surveyors were on-site and expanded on the survey criteria;
 - Highlighted the building project progress; and
 - Spoke of the additional access wireless points.

Main Motion: To approve the minutes and financials

Moved by:	Lawrey
Seconded by:	Komulainen
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;
 - Spoke of the Fire Contract meeting on Thursday, February 15;
 - Announced the auditors would be on site the week of April 16; and
 - Stated the Review Board meeting was scheduled for April 19 and encouraged members who had not completed the testing to complete the testing.

H. Notices and Communications

I. Public Hearings

Item 1 – Ordinance No. 2018-001: Amending Menahga Municipal Code Chapter 31, Sections 35-39, Planning Commission (IM 18-001)

Mayor Foss opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2018-001. There being no one wishing to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2018-001

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

J. Unfinished Business

Item 1 – Resolution No. 2018-006: Declaring Slum and Blighted Area (IM 18-002)

Main Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2018-006

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

Mayor Foss:

- Highlighted the updated map and properties.

Council Member McNeece:

- Spoke of the strengthening of the application by appropriating \$6,000 for residential improvements.

K. New Business

Item 1 – Resolution No. 2018-004: Issuing a Variance from the Language in the Shoreland District to Menahga School District for Property Located at 216 Aspen Avenue Menahga, Minnesota

Main Motion: To postpone Resolution No. 2018-007

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

Attorney Pederson:

- Spoke of the Planning Commission decision;
- Stated the Planning Commission felt there to be incomplete information. The Planning Commission questioned: percentages of impervious surface, where the improvements would be located, concerns about the function and effectiveness of the drainage systems, how the systems interact with the City's storm water and the implications for the lake.

Mayor Foss:

- Emphasized the need to provide additional information to the council.

Council Member Komulainen:

- Questioned DNR's involvement in the matter.

The council scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, February 20 at 10 am.

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

M. Closed Session

The council moved into a closed session to discuss a relationship on the council. The council exited the session and stated the issue had been resolved.

N. Meeting Adjourned

Main Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm

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

Janette M. Bower, Administrator

Patrick Foss, Mayor