

**City of Menahga**  
**Special City Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 1, 2017**

The Menahga City Council held a special meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Mayor Foss called the meeting to order at 10 am.

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

Craig Lawrey  
Maxine McNeece

Tim Ellingson  
Patrick Foss

Dennis Komulainen

The council discussed the following topics during the meeting:

**Liquor Licenses**

City Administrator Bower reported the City of Menahga does not hold the power to issue additional liquor licenses. In order to do so, the City must hold a special election. Following discussion the council unanimously passed a motion to:

**Main Motion: Hold two public meetings to gauge the public's interest in a special meeting to grant the City the power to issue liquor licenses**

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

The meetings were scheduled for June 19 at 7 pm and June 26 at 1 pm.

**Full-time Liquor Store Positions**

City Administrator Bower suggested the Council consider creating two full-time positions and eliminating two part-time positions at the Liquor Store and reported of the budgetary impact. Following council discussion, it was decided the topic would come back to the council at the June 12, regular meeting.

**Menahga Development Corporation (MDC) Project**

Members of MDC expanded on the proposed project known as MDC 7<sup>th</sup> Addition. The council concurred the project was a good idea but voiced concern regarding the cost to the City. The council further concurred the City would continue to explore project options.

**Seasonal Campsite Project**

City Administrator Bower provided the council with the Preliminary Opinion of Costs and funding options.

The council heard from Kim Rasmussen who:

- Referred to previous council action;
- Questioned the validity of borrowing from reserves;
- Stated many of the area resorts were not full; and
- Opined the project was not feasible from an economic standpoint.

Council Member McNeece stated from a business perspective, the idea of borrowing from the general fund was similar to double mortgaging a home. She suggested the City immediately raise each site by \$5 and upgrade the sites with water and electric. She further suggested the City's website or other electronic means be used to reserve sites and collect fees.

Council Member Komulainen voiced concern regarding the cost for eight sites.

Vice Mayor Lawrey suggested any upgrades be completed with an expansion and supported raising the fees.

Mayor Foss opined the seasonal sites would be full and requested a motion to approve moving forward with the project. The request died with the lack of a motion.

### **Revolving Loan Fund**

The Revolving Loan Fund document was reviewed with Council concurrence the document needed to clearly state businesses must be located in the City limits to receive loan fund consideration. City Administrator Bower stated the document would come before the council at a later date for approval.

### **Playground Project**

City Administration Bower reported the playground project was still in process and more information would be reported at a later date.

### **2018 Budget Item**

City Administrator Bower asked the council to consider adding a new part-time, on-call position with Public Works during the 2018 budget process. She stated further information would follow at a later date.

### **2017 COPS Application**

City Administrator Bower stated the City had submitted a 2016 COPS grant but was not funded. She stated the COPS agency had invited the City to apply in the 2017 funding season. Council concurred to consider action during the June 12, regular meeting.

### **SPIRIT**

City Administrator Bower reported on an educational session she attended during the IIMC Conference. The title of the session was "Enhancing Your Workplace Culture". She stated the session stressed the importance of establishing workplace core value and stated the values she intended to use are: SPIRIT. Service, Pride, Integrity, Responsibility, Innovation, Teamwork.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

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Janette M. Bower, Administrator

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Patrick Foss, Mayor