

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 23, 2015/8:00 a.m.

A Special Meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Pat Foss.

Also present: Council Members Kim Rasmussen, Roger Henstorf, and Marty Ahlf. Absent: Council Member Craig Lawrey. Staff: Utilities Superintendent Frank Thelin, Administrative Assistant Amanda Pachel and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Char West. Guests: Elizabeth Diaz, Ehlers & Associates, via telephone and Brian Hiles, Ulteig Engineering.

Mayor Foss reported that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to receive information from Ehlers & Associates on the new City of Menahga Utility Rate Study and to take action on the Menahga C&C requests pertaining to the Midsummer activities.

Elizabeth Diaz, Ehlers & Associations, reviewed the City of Menahga Utility Rate Study power point presentation with the Council; History – utility funds in good financial health, need to create water conservation rate structure per MS Statute 103G.291, PFA requirement to split Water/Sewer Fund into two Funds, Conservation Rate Structure, Water Usage Pattern-Residential and Commercial, Proposed Tiers and Rates per Thousand Gallon, Proposed Water Rates, Projected Cash Flow-Water Fund, Water Fund Projected Cash Balances; Sanitary Sewer – repayment of 2007 Sewer Revenue Bonds, no significant projects anticipated, no change in rate structure, recommend inflationary rate increase of 1% to 2% from 2017 and forward, Sanitary Sewer Proposed Rates, Sanitary Sewer Projected Cash Flow, Sanitary Sewer Cash Balances, Sample Utility Bills-Residential and Commercial, Summary of Recommendations.

Discussion was held regarding the long term drop in cash balance in Water Fund, Sewer Fund cash balance healthy.

Council recommendation to provide tiers under the “All Other Users” group as done for the “Residential”, “Commercial”, and “Multi Family” groups.

Ms. Diaz commented that she would include the three tiers for “All Other Users”, recalculate the cash flow and e-mail a revised Rate Study Plan. As there were no


additional questions for Ms. Diaz, she left the Meeting via telephone.

Council discussion was held regarding the sewer rate increase and the intent to adopt the newly revised Utility Rate Study during the July 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.


Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Ahlf, to approve MNDOT Parade Permit/Special Events Application submitted by Menahga C&C for the Midsummer Parade on July 11, 2015, motion carried.

Motion by Henstorf, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the Menahga C&C's request to close a portion of 1st. St. SW starting July 11, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. to July 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. for the Craft Fair and close the City Beach and parking area on July 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. for the Fireworks setup, motion carried.

Motion by Ahlf, seconded by Henstorf, to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 8:53 p.m., motion carried.



Charleen West, Administrator



Patrick Foss, Mayor