

**City of Menahga  
Regular City Council Minutes  
Monday, July 10, 2017**

**A. Call to Order**

The Menahga City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, July 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:

Craig Lawrey  
Maxine McNeece

Tim Ellingson  
Patrick Foss

Dennis Komulainen

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Approval of Agenda**

1. Approval of consent agenda
  - a. Resolution No. 2017-014: Adopting the City of Menahga Procurement Standards Policy (IM 17-010)
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. June 12, 2017, Special Meeting Minutes
  - b. June 12, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

**E. Communication and Appearance Requests**

**F. Public Input**

1. Dennis Swanson
  - Spoke to Resolution No. 2017-015;
  - Questioned the special assessments;
  - Commented on lot values;
  - Spoke of special benefits on certain properties;
  - Inquired of the assessments versus the property values;
  - Expanded on the previous assessment policy and stated it had not been adopted by the council;
  - Commented on the assessment methods;
  - Explained the language allowing the council to fix previous errors; and

- Stated appeal rights had been violated.

Mayor Foss:

- Suggested a work session to address the issue.

Council Member McNeece:

- Requested documentation of the assessment policies and how they were amended and implemented.

A work session/special meeting was scheduled for August 21, at 10 am.

2. Jensine Kurtti

- Spoke of lot values versus the special assessments;
- Asked of the county sale date for the properties; and
- Inquired of Mark Hanson's presence.

## G. Reports by Departments

1. Greenwood Connections Administrator – Laura Ahlf

- Expanded on the generator and boiler projects;
- Referred to the financial report and profit gained;
- Announced the census as 61;
- Spoke of insurance quotes and premiums;
- Announced workers compensation had decreased;
- Stated she would look into the broken asphalt; and
- Commented on the adult daycare program.

Council Member Ellingson:

- Inquired of the daycare expenses; and
- Commented on the broken asphalt.

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

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

2. Administration/Economic Development – Janette Bower

- Expanded on the Small Cities Assistance Program and the work to be completed with the funding;
- Spoke of meetings held with investment firms and forth coming information regarding the City's investments;
- Commented on numbering of all future policies; and
- Stated she had met with NJPA regarding a small cities health insurance pool.

## H. Notices and Communications

**I. Public Hearings**

**J. Unfinished Business**

**K. New Business**

**Item 1 – Action Memorandum 17-048: Authorize Improvements at the Menahga Memorial Forest Park & Campground**

**Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 17-048**

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

Mayor Foss:

- Voiced concern regarding the cost of the improvements; and
- Spoke to the previous council action regarding seasonal sites.

Council Member McNeece:

- Expressed support for the project;
- Described the project amount as greatly reduced from the seasonal site project; and
- Stated the current project would upgrade the existing campground and provide for improved usage.

Council Member Ellingson:

- Concurred with Council Member McNeece.

**Item 2 – Resolution No. 2017-003 A: Amending the 2017 City of Menahga Budget by Approving an Appropriation in the Amount of \$15,000 to Pay for Improvements at the Memorial Forest Park & Campground (IM 17-011)**

**Main Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2017-003 A**

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

**Item 3 – Resolution No. 2017-015: Authorizing Tax Forfeited Properties Located in the City of Menahga to Return to Private Ownership (IM 17-012)**

**Main Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2017-015**

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

**Item 4 – Action Memorandum 17-049: Direct a Special Election be Held Placing a Ballot Question before the City Voters Regarding Whether the City Should be Provided with the Authority to Issue Liquor Licenses**

**Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 17-049**

Moved by:	McNeece
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion carried by 4-1 voice vote.
In favor:	Foss, Lawrey, Komulainen, McNeece
Opposed:	Ellingson

**Main Motion: To set the special date for November 6, 2018 (same date as the regular election)**

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

Mayor Foss:

- Commented on the timeframe and suggested the issue be put before the voters during the November 2018 election; and
- Raised the question of voter turnout for a special election during a non-election year.

Council Member Ellingson:

- Stated he did not believe the delay was appropriate due to the request by a business owner.

Council Member McNeece:

- Voiced her desire to ensure awareness of the ballot measure issue should any potential developers be interested in locating a supper club in Menahga.

**L. Consideration of Bills**

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

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

Council Member McNeece:

- Inquired of the Liquor Store Report; and
- Asked about the charges for mowing.

Council Member Ellingson:

- Inquired of the mailboxes at the post office;
- Asked about the cost of the buoys; and
- Inquired of the charge for door painting.

Mayor Foss:

- Explained the property that had been mowed was a property on the tax forfeiture list.

Administrator Bower:

- Stated the charge for mowing would be charged back to the property;
- Expanded on the City's mailboxes;
- Commented on the buoys; and
- Stated ProContractors painted City Hall's exterior doors.

## M. Meeting Adjourned

### **Main Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm**

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

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Janette M. Bower, Administrator

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Patrick Foss, Mayor