

City of Menahga
Regular Meeting City Council Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2019

A. Call to Order

The Menahga City Council held a Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Mayor Liimatta called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Roll Call

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

Tim Ellingson	Robyn Keranen	Art Huebner – Via Skype
Karol Andreasen	Joanie Liimatta	

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Main Motion: To amend agenda by moving Closed Meeting – Employee Evaluation to the end of the Regular Meeting

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

D. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Main Motion: To approve consent agenda

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

Main Motion: To approve June 11, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes and July 2, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

E. Communication and Appearance Requests

F. Public Input (from the sign in sheet)

G. Reports by Departments

- 1. Chief Adam Gunderson – Menahga Police Department

Main Motion: To accept report from Chief Gunderson

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Andreasen
Action:	Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

- 2. Renata Parks – Liquor Store – Not present

- 3. Ron Yliniemi – Public Works – Not present – Report given by Administrator Kreklau

- a. Balsam Ave and Happy Hour (1st St NW) beehive drain issue

- 1. Take rings out to lower
- 2. Connect to north one
- 3. Put crushed rock about a foot and a half thick to seep

- b. Lots of sludge in the sewer ponds

- 1. Using bugs and chemicals trying to fix
- 2. Price a muffin muncher – possibly solar

- c. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) –

- 1. Ponds
- 2. Water Tower
- 3. Road Issues (televised sewer mains)

- d. Seip Drug

- 1. Remove trees
- 2. Fix parking lot

- e. Mayor Liimatta asked to have “No Parking” painted on the sidewalk at the Shell Gas Station – Need to consult MNDot

- f. Councilmember Andreasen has been in contact with MNDot about a 4 way stop at the intersection of Aspen Ave (Hwy 71) and Main St (Hwy 87)

Main Motion: To accept report for Public Works Director, Ronald Yliniemi, given by Administrator Kreklau

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

- 4. Laura Ahlf – Green Wood Connections

- a. Inspection tomorrow – hopefully moving residents on Thursday and Friday on South

- b. One empty bed (as of today)

Main Motion: To accept report from by Administrator Laura Ahlf

Moved by:	Andreasen
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote

In favor: Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed: None

5. Dave Kicker – Fire Department – Not present

6. Curt Kreklau Jr – City of Menahga

Main Motion: To accept report by Administrator Kreklau

Moved by: Andreasen
Seconded by: Keranen
Action: Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote
In favor: Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed: None

I. Notices and Communications

J. Public Hearings

K. Unfinished Business

1. Budget/Audit Update – Extension filed for 2018 Audit
 - Councilmember Keranen – who authorized 2018 changes to restart audit
 - Administrator Kreklau – Nobody – a former employee took it upon themselves to change 2018
2. AEM Committee Report and Recommendation
 - Recommend a retraction in the newspaper
 - Have Administrator Kreklau ask AEM for a quote
 - Pay AEM Invoice

Main Motion: To approve Administrator Kreklau to get a quote from AEM

Moved by: Andreasen
Seconded by: Keranen
Action: Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor: Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed: None

Main Motion: To approve payment of AEM Invoice in the amount of \$32,323.91

Moved by: Keranen
Seconded by: Andreasen
Action: Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor: Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed: None

L. New Business

1. City Attorney attendance at Council Meetings
 - a. Per request not at every meeting
2. Pool Filling

Main Motion: To not reduce water rate for pool filling and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law individuals that tamper with fire hydrants.

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

3. Committee Assignments

- a. Created a Budget Committee with Robyn Keranen and Karol Andreasen
- b. Also changed Larry Karjala's assignments to Karol Andreasen
 1. Liquor Committee
 2. Nursing Home Board

4. LMC Insurance Invoice

Main Motion: To accept and pay LMC invoice for Property/Causality Coverage in the amount of \$62,148.00

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

5. Worker's Compensation Invoice

Main Motion: To accept and pay Work's Compensation Coverage in the amount of \$22,613.00

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Andreasen
Action:	Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

6. Imitative Foundation Donation

- a. Only informational

7. Frisbee Golf Update

- a. Signs for "Future Location of Frisbee Golf" – up to C & C

8. Spending Authority Limit(s)

Main Motion: To approve Administrator spending limit of \$5,000.00

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

- 9. Security Camera Quote
 - a. Want another quote for under \$500.00
 - b. City owns a camera that was purchased by former staff with city funds
- 10. Panic Button Quote
 - a. More homework
- 11. DNR Timber Appraisal and Forest Management Plan

Main Motion: To approve having timber appraised

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

- 12. Change Water Rates – MN Department of Health
 - a. Only informational

M. Consideration of Bills

Main Motion: To accept consideration of bills as reported


Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion approved by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

H. Closed Meeting – Employee Evaluation. Permitted under Minnesota State Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(a)


N. Adjournment

Main Motion: To adjourn at 8:09 pm

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None



 Curtis Kreklau Jr, City Administrator



 Joanie Liimatta, Mayor