

**City of Menahga  
Special/Budget Meeting City Council Minutes  
August 2, 2024**

**a. Call to Order**

The Menahga City Council held a Budget/Special Meeting on Friday, August 2nd, 2024.

Mayor Liz Olson called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**b. Roll Call**

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

Mayor Elizabeth Olson                      Mike Netland                      Dan Warmbold

Jody Bjornson                                      Durwin Tomperi - Absent

Office Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Brett Gagnonpalick  
Deputy Clerk Melanie Schermerhorn

**c. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**d. Audit 2023 – Dean Birkeland representing Carlson SV**

Summary of the Audit showed that the City is in a good position. The unassigned/unallocated fund is at \$271,887.00, up from just over \$100k in 2022. This is around 25% of the total budget, which is on the low end of the average for a City of Menahga’s size. The Council discussed that it is its intention to continue to increase that number going forward and sustain the current fiscal practice.

**Main Motion: To approve the 2023 Audit as presented.**

Moved By:	Bjornson
Seconded:	Warmbold
Action:	Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote
In favor:	Warmbold, Olson, Bjornson, Netland
Opposed:	None

**e. Budget by Department: 2024 Budget**

- **Fire Department; Police; and Streets;**

Gagnonpalick reported that the expenditure topics of Fire, Police, and Streets had been discussed in the previous meetings. He would like to discuss revenues specifically and then the strategy to approach a zero tax raise this year.

- **Administration - Council discussion on 2025 Budget and City 2025 Levy:**

Gagnonpalick presented the rollups for 2025 in total expenditures and revenues. Gagnonpalick stated it is his intention to not recommend a raise to the City's taxes/levy. The discussion revolved around revenues. Plans were laid out to begin a City services investment schedule, starting in 2025, to give Northbound Spirits capital to fix some long-standing issues such as their coolers and roof. In order to offset the normal transfer of profits from the liquor store to the general fund, the proposed solution would be to transfer funds from GWC to make up the difference. With the purpose of an enterprise function to offset taxes, it was the consensus of the Council to share the costs amongst the City entities. Discussion followed to ensure that the City did not take too much away, and the resulting percentage was low. With the trade-off of not raising taxes, the Council agreed that it would be a prudent avenue to explore.

**g. Adjournment**

**Main Motion: To adjourn at 3:21 pm.**

Moved By:	Netland
Seconded:	Warmbold
Action:	Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote
In favor:	Tomperi, Olson, Bjornson, Netland
Opposed:	None

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City Clerk/Treasurer Brett Gagnonpalick

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Mayor Elizabeth Olson