

City of Menahga
Special City Council Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2017

The Menahga City Council held a special meeting on Monday, August 21, 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:

Dakota Worldwide – Liquor Store Feasibility Study

Marcia Pfiffer, Dakota Worldwide presented the Liquor Store Feasibility Study. Ms. Pfiffer commented on the facility's current size and presented three potential options to increase income.

Main Motion: To obtain cost projects for all three options

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

Ehlers Investment Partners

Jack Fay and Jack Samuels of Ehlers Investment Partners presented a sample portfolio containing financial information concerning the City's investments.

Mr. Fay and Mr. Samuels further expanded on market options for the investments.

Main Motion: To retain Ehlers Investment Partners

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

Tax Forfeited Properties

City Administrator Bower referred to the tax forfeited properties having been on the County's For Sale list for numerous years. She stated the County did not intend on having sale this year because property values and assessments had not changed. Ms. Bower suggested the council reevaluate the properties. The council directed the issue be reevaluated during the September 11, 2017, meeting.

2009 Street and Utility Improvements

The City Council extensively discussed the project and materials presented by Mr. Dean Swanson regarding the project's overall assessments and assessment process. The Council questioned the next steps regarding action taken by the previous administrator and council. Without any further action, the council moved to the next item.

Action Memorandum 17-050

Public Works Director Thelin explained the permitted and restricted areas surrounding the sewer ponds. He further expanded on the disc mower and its use in the City.

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 17-050

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

Grant Opportunities

City Administration Bower expanded on grant funding opportunities and explained her intent to apply for any opportunity that did not have "strings attached" without prior council approval. She further explained it was her intent to bring forth any grant involving a match to the council for prior approval.

The council reviewed the following grant opportunities:

- 2017 Foundation for Rural Service Grant Program – possible funding for electronic campground reservations.
- NJPA Small Project Partnership Fund – possible funding for playground equipment.
- Tri-County Health Care Foundation – possible funding for playground equipment.
- 2017 Thriving Communities Initiative Grant – this is a BR&E grant, City requested to be the fiscal host.
- Central Minnesota Housing Partnership Small Cities Development Program – housing assistance program.

Main Motion: To agree to serve as the fiscal host for the Thriving Communities Initiative Grant

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

The council directed the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership Small Development Program grant come back before them on September 11, 2017.

Department Information

The council heard from Scott Koennicke, Chief of Police and Frank Thelin, Public Works Director regarding their department's activities.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Janette M. Bower, Administrator

Patrick Foss, Mayor