

**City of Menahga**  
**City Council Budget Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm**

**A. Call to Order**

The Menahga City Council held a Budget Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Mayor Liz Olson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**B. Roll Call**

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

Mayor Elizabeth Olson                      Durwin Tomperi                      Dan Warmbold

Mike Netland                                      Jody Bjornson

Office Staff present: Consultant Betty Thomsen  
Interim Clerk/Treasurer Jensine Kurtti

**C. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**D. Council discussion on 2024 Budget and City 2024 Levy**

**General Government:** On Employer Paid Health. Consultant Thomsen indicated that most or all of those dollars will be reimbursed back to the City;

**City Administration:** Admin Salary In, Thomsen indicated that the Administrative wages will be paid under the appropriate areas, versus completing a journal entry out of this area.

**Elections:** The question was raised on why PERA was not a part of the budget since a City Staff member would oversee the Elections;

**Contractual Services:** It was noted that Auditing Services would need to be increased from \$18,000 to \$21,500 based on new information received;

**Fire Department:** The Fire Truck Lease is accounted for under Principal and Interest budget line items;

**Street Department:** The question was raised under the Street Department why the wages were increased to \$40,602. Since Corbin has

been contracted to grade and chloride the main gravel streets, there should be less wages in this area. Thomsen indicated that she had checked the Swipe Clock information and it had shown an increase in hours. Thomsen stated that she would look further into this matter; Raised the Repair and Maintenance Budget an additional \$4,000 to \$16,000 and offset it by the Capital Outlay, by reducing that budget from \$20,000 down to \$16,000; **City Beach:** \$12,000 was added to Part-time Salaries in hopes of securing lifeguards in 2024. Thomsen will add the additional Social Security and Medicare expenses on this additional salary amount; Reduced Operating Supplies from \$1,500 to \$1,200 and Repair & Maintenance from \$800 down to \$500;

**City Park:** Thomsen agreed to check with Kytta on the Electric Utilities Budget under the City Park, as the Council felt the budget in this area could be reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000; and, under Improvements Other Budget, Thomsen reported that the new \$45,000 amount reflects 50% of the City’s share in a possible DNR Grant.

Thomsen reviewed the Revenue Budget with the Council. The wage discussion and the Pay Equity Study that will be due in 2024 was discussed and noted that the wages from the pay equity may affect the 2025 budget.

Council member Mike Netland prepared and handed out a spreadsheet showing the impact to the levy if the Council would decide to levy for reserves that would increase the City’s unallocated funds.

**E. Set Preliminary Levy**

The Council will set the Preliminary Levy at the September 25, 2023, Work Session Meeting once all adjustments have been made by Consultant Betty Thomsen.

**H. Adjournment**

**Main Motion: To adjourn at 6:32 pm.**

Moved	Warmbold
Seconded	Tomperi
Action:	Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote
In favor:	Tomperi, Warmbold, Olson, Bjornson, Netland
Opposed:	None

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Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Jensine Kurtti

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Mayor Elizabeth Olson