

**City of Menahga
Budget Meeting City Council Minutes
September 27, 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 3:00 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

c. Pledge of Allegiance.

d. Council Discussion/Action on 2025 budget and 2025 Levy

Gagnonpalick discussed a graph showing the expenditures and revenues back to 2022. Gagnonpalick presented the preliminary levy resolution, to include the debt service. Due to the way the debts were structured, they cost more this year than in previous years. The actual levy amount will increase approximately 2.5 percent.

Bjornson stated he would prefer a zero percent raise. Netland discussed lifeguards, and their budget of 30k. Netland felt strongly this is a good decision based on the event earlier in the summer with someone nearly drowning.

Netland reported the campground did not support itself. Over the course of the last 4 years, the campground has historically lost revenue. Gagnonpalick

stated in 2023, the loss was approximately 18k, in 2022 40k loss, and 2021 it was a 60k loss. Netland would like to see a break-even analysis. The Council discussed the potential of selling the campground, which the consensus of the majority of the Council members was not to not sell the Memorial Campground.

e. Resolution 2024-31 Set Preliminary Levy

Main Motion: To adopt Resolution 2024-31 Preliminary 2025 Tax Levy in the total amount of \$706,437.99 which includes Debt Funds.

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

f. Adjournment

Main Motion: To adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

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

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Mayor Elizabeth Olson