

**City of Menahga
Regular Meeting City Council Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

A. Call to Order

The Menahga City Council Held a Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Mayor Joan Liimatta called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Roll Call

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

Tim Ellingson	Robyn Keranen - Remotely	Karol Andreasen
Art Huebner	Joan Liimatta	

- Pledge of Allegiance

D. Consent Agenda

E. Public Forum and Correspondence

- a. Nicolas Patson

Closed Meeting – Labor Negotiation Strategy as permitted by Minnesota State Statute 13D.03

Meeting was reopened

Main Motion: To approve amending the agenda to add the ratification of the City of Menahga and Teamsters 346

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

Main Motion: To approve contract with Teamsters 346 to include retroactive pay for pay differential and life insurance differential

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

C. Approval of Minutes

E. Public Forum and Correspondence

- 2. Julia Kicker – Municipal Building

F. Public Hearings

G. Acknowledgement of receipt of board/commission minutes

H. Board/Commission/Committee Reports

I. Staff Reports

- 1. Laura Ahlf, Greenwood Connections Administrator
 - Loss of \$6,000
 - Census – 81%
 - Had an employee test positive for COVID – prepared a press release to get out correct information

Main Motion: To approve Greenwood Connections Administrator’s Report

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

- 2. Renata Parks, Liquor Store Manager
 - Councilmember Andreasen wanted a designated person to post information to the community sign.
 - 1. Chief Gunderson – said the city really needs to develop a policy with what can be on the sign and what the cost will be.
 - 2. Councilmember Huebner nominated a councilmember to oversee the sign. He recommended Mayor Liimatta.
 - 3. Mayor Liimatta accepted but said she would be done in January.
 - Mayor Liimatta stated Councilmember Huebner was micromanaging a long-time liquor store employee
 - Councilmember Andreasen asked about disposal of old barstools & chairs

Main Motion: To accept Liquor Store, Northbound Spirits, Report as given

Moved by:	Andreasen
Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion carried by a 3-1 voice vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Liimatta, Andreasen
Opposed:	Huebner

- 3. Ron Yliniemi, Public Works Director
 - 6. Utility Bill Reduction Request – McCavley
 - Public Works Director Yliniemi will get together with Mr. McCavley to check soaker hose output.
 - Titan to work on payloader
 - Working on water plant
 - Possibility of having posted open hours for the burn pile

Main Motion: To accept report as presented by Public Works Director, Ronald Yliniemi.

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

4. Chief Adam Gunderson, Police Department
 - 146 calls for service
 - Checking cameras at the park – might want to consider live cameras
 - Moved the cameras at the beach to try to capture more of the parking lot
 - Councilmember Andreasen stated the traffic on Hwy 87 has a lot of speeders.

Main Motion: To accept Police Department report as presented by Chief Gunderson

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

5. Chief Dave Kicker, Fire Department
 - 1 car accident - cancelled
 - A couple of weather spotting
 - Truck can be delivered the 28th of this month
 - Hose tested last week – 850 feet are outdated – waiting to hear from the 50/50 grant from the DNR

Main Motion: To accept Fire Department report as presented by Chief Kicker

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

6. Curt Kreklau Jr, City Administrator
 - Audits remotely present last week – sounded like they are close to wrapping things up soon
 - Need to budget for preliminary levy
 1. Council had consensus for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 Budget Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - Provided totals in our Economic Loan Fund – Need to set up an Economic Development Committee
 - Tuesday, September 8th meeting Ehlers will present to have new bonds
 - Councilmember Andreasen asked about the CARES Funding letter – Administrator Kreklau said he has not done the letter yet due to his concern that we do not know where COVID will take us and how much the city will have to spend so we can comply with all of the COVID requirements.

Main Motion: To accept report as presented by Administrator Kreklau

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

J. New Business

2. Open Meeting Law Discussion
1. Amendment to the Fee Schedule for Fire Contract Fees--Resolution No.2020-15

Main Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2020-15

Moved by:	Huebner
Seconded by:	
Action:	Failed due to lack of second
In favor:	
Opposed:	

Main Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2020-15 as described

Moved by:	Huebner
Seconded by:	Andreasen
Action:	Motion tied 2-2 by voice vote
In favor:	Andreasen, Huebner
Opposed:	Ellingson, Liimatta

3. Appointment Business Relief Fund Subcommittee
4. CARES Act Funds Acceptance

Main Motion: To accept CARES Act Funds of \$101,031

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

6. Audit Update – given during Administrator Report

K. Unfinished Business

1. Report from building committee
 - Council decided to wait to make a decision until full council is available

L. Consideration of Bills

Main Motion: To accept financials as presented

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

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

1. City Administrator – Curtis Kreklau

Meeting reopened

N. Adjourn

Main Motion: To adjourn at pm

Moved by:	
Seconded by:	
Action:	
In favor:	
Opposed:	



Curtis Kreklau Jr, City Administrator



Joan Limmatta, Mayor