

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2009 / 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, January 12, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by Mayor Tom Larson.

Members present: Kim Rasmussen, Maxine Norman, Joel Mickelson, Dennis Komulainen.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9 REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH THE CORRECTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THAT THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOLKKINEN. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CSAH 21 PROJECT ON FEBRUARY 5, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN, SECONDED BY KOMULAINEN, TO APPROVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS THE FOLLOWING: GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS – RASMUSSEN, NORMAN; WATER/SEWER – NORMAN, MICKELSON; POLICE – NORMAN, MICKELSON; LIQUOR – KOMULAINEN, MICKELSON; STREET/PARK/BEACH – LARSON, KOMULAINEN; FIRE – RASMUSSEN, LARSON; ADMINISTRATION – RASMUSSEN, LARSON. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN, SECONDED BY KOMULAINEN, TO APPROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: DAVE KICKER, CHIEF; TERRY BERTTUNEN, ASSISTANT CHIEF; JIM DAY, PRESIDENT; ALDEN YLINIEMI, VICE PRESIDENT; TIM PEDERSON, TREASURER; TROY MAYER, SECRETARY; JIM DAY AND RANDY BERTTUNEN, CAPTAINS. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO AUTHORIZE 5% MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE \$60,319 FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT THAT WAS AWARDED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO HIRE OFFICER JASON HOFER AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF BEGINNING JANUARY 31, 2009, UNTIL A NEW CHIEF IS HIRED, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF PAY TO BE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE BY THE POLICE COMMITTEE AT

THE FEBRUARY 9 MEETING. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS BOARD MEETING, WHICH INCLUDED: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$5,397.23 FROM COLE PAPERS FOR A SCRUBBER/FLOOR STRIPPER; MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LEASE PROPOSAL OF \$270.38 PER MONTH FROM WEST CENTRAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION FOR SECURITY CAMERAS; AND A RECOMMENDATION FOR A 2% PAY INCREASE FOR CLAIR ERICKSON RETROACTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPOINT DONNA ANDERSON TO THE GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS BOARD TO FINISH THE LAST YEAR OF HER 4-YEAR TERM. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO FORMALLY REQUEST AN UPDATE FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND THE INITIATIVE FOUNDATION ON THE RED ROOF DELI LOAN. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO SELL AN UNBUILDABLE LOT ON THE WEST SIDE OF THEIR PROPERTY TO JP STRUCTURES AT THE SAME PRICE AS THE OTHER LOTS. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO APPROVE A PARCEL SPLIT BETWEEN WEST CENTRAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION'S LOTS AND THE MENAUGA VFW. THE SPLIT WOULD ALLOW THE VFW AN ADDITIONAL 45' PARKING AREA TO THE NORTH. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO APPROVE THE HEAD START BUILDING LEASE WITH THE MENAUGA PUBLIC SCHOOL, WITH THE ADDITION OF "RENTAL CHARGE TO BE REVIEWED EVERY 2 YEARS." KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO ADOPT THE 2009 FEE SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: UTILITY MAILING LIST - \$50.00, AND AFTER-THE-FACT PERMITS - DOUBLE THE REGULAR FEE. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT WITH WADENA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR USE OF THE MENAUGA

FAMILY CENTER (HEAD START BUILDING). RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED FOR OSTERMAN TO UPLOAD THE CITY OF MENAHGA'S PAY EQUITY REPORT TO THE STATE AS PRESENTED. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN, SECONDED BY MICKELSON, TO APPOINT JEFF PEDERSON OF PEDERSON & PEDERSON AS CRIMINAL COUNSEL. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON, SECONDED BY KOMULAINEN, TO APPOINT PAUL CARLSON OF KENNEDY, NERVIG, CARLSON & VANBRUGGEN AS CIVIL LEGAL COUNSEL UNTIL THE MATTER IS READDRESSSED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON, SECONDED BY NORMAN, TO APPOINT FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MENAHGA, 4-M FUND, AND TRU STAR CREDIT UNION AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE CITY OF MENAHGA. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN, SECONDED BY KOMULAINEN, TO APPOINT THE REVIEW MESSENGER AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON, SECONDED BY KOMULAINEN, TO APPOINT KIM RASMUSSEN AS ACTING MAYOR. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Mayor