

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009 / 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 9, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 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 FEBRUARY 9, 2009, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO APPROVE A FEMA GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AN 800 MHz RADIO SYSTEM IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER WADENA COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRE COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THE FIRE CONTRACT TOWNSHIPS WITH A 2010 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FIGURE BASED ON 4.4 PERCENT RATE OF THE RESPECTIVE TOWNSHIPS' TAX CAPACITY. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ALLOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO LEASE A NEW SQUAD CAR TO REPLACE THE 2000 FORD. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO PASS RESOLUTION 0309-09 WHICH CHANGES THE RESPONSE TIME FOR CHIEF SCOTT KOENNICKE FROM 15 MINUTES TO 20 MINUTES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM KOENNICKE'S HIRE DATE OF FEBRUARY 12, 2009, AND TO CHANGE WORDING IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH TO READ "WITHIN 15 MINUTES" INSTEAD OF "WITH 15 MINUTES." KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND FINANCIALS OF THE NURSING HOME, AND TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JIM KANGAS TO THE GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS BOARD CONTINGENT ON HIS ACCEPTANCE. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO SET A JOINT MEETING FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M. WITH THE GREENWOOD

CONNECTIONS BOARD TO CONSIDER BUILDING PROPOSALS. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 5, 2009, JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL AND GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS BOARD. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON FOR EIDE-BAILLY TO PREPARE THE CITY'S 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL AUDIT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$18,500. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO MOVE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS-EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE OF \$247,277.39 TO THE 4-M FUND. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO SET THE BOARD OF REVIEW DATE FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009, AT 1:00 P.M. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO APPOINT JEFF PEDERSON OF PEDERSON & PEDERSON AS CIVIL LEGAL COUNSEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO SEND A THANK YOU TO KENNEDY & NERVIG FOR THEIR PAST LEGAL REPRESENTATION. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO ARRANGE FOR CLERK OSTERMAN TO SET UP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION FOR THE COUNCIL. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO HAVE ALL CITY COMMITTEES MEET AND DRAFT JOB DESCRIPTIONS BY THE MAY 11, 2009, MEETING. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

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

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Larson at 9:45 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Mayor