

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2011/ 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, December 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foss.

Members present: Kim Rasmussen, Roger Henstorf, Maxine Norman and Alden Yliniemi.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTION. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2011 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2011 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2011 SPECIAL COUNCIL AND JOINT GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Todd Hagen, Public Finance Advisor of Ehlers and Associates, Inc. discussed financing the purchase of a new fire truck in conjunction with the refinancing of a Greenwood Connection G.O. bond. The interest rates should be very low with ten year financing. It would be callable without penalty or premium in eight years and can tailored to our needs right up to the sale date. A resolution determining the necessity to issue the General Obligation Equipment certificates will be required. He also recommended a resolution declaring the official intent of Menahga to reimburse the expenditure from the bond proceeds. An overall resolution providing for the Sale of \$1,020,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012 will also need approval. Hagen recommended having a Special Council meeting on January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or earlier for the purpose of considering proposals for and awarding the sale of the Bonds.

MOTION BY NORMAN APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 1212-2011A PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$1,020,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2012A. WITH AN EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR \$185,000. UPON DISCUSSION, NORMAN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION INCREASING THE EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE TO \$190,000. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 1212-2011B DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO ISSUE \$190,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2012A. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 1212-2011C DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF MENAHGA TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPEDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Salo reported that the fire department is recommending hiring applicant Austin David Pulju to be hired by the City of Menahga as a volunteer fireman.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF AUSTIN DAVID PULJU FOR THE POSITION OF VOLUNTEER FIREMAN. SECONDED BY RASMUSSEN. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Liquor store manager Gerszewski reported on operations. The city auditor Larson Allen contacted him regarding the annual inventory. Liquor committee and city hall staff will assist store employees in conducting a full inventory on Monday morning January 2, 2012.

Park Superintendent Neisess reported on progress of trail construction at the campgrounds. There are three trails with the longest being over half mile. The trails will be eight feet and could be also used for cross country skiing. He plans to color code the trails with markers. Our new utility worker is doing an excellent job.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS WITH THE EXCLUSION OF INVEST POLICY TO BE REVISITED AT THE JANUARY MEETING. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Councilor Henstorf suggested removing \$15,000 for seal coating from the 2012 budget and using reserve funds for that project. Councilor Norman agreed stated that is what reserve funds are for instead of assessing our taxpayers in hard times. Councilor Rasmussen expressed reluctance as it is hard to build those reserve funds.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO AMEND THE 2012 BUDGET AND LEVY BY A \$15,000 DECREASE TO \$340,329 WITH THE \$15,000 BEING REMOVED FROM THE STREET SEAL COATING EXPEDITURE. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Salo presented a Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB 54") resolution and policy suggested by our auditor for compliance standards.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1212-2011D A RESOLUTION OF THE MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING FUND BALANCES POLICIES AS REQUIRED BY GASB 54. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO ACCEPT THE 2012 CITY FEE SCHEDULE WITH AMENDMENTS. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO GIVE THE CITY EMPLOYEES A THIRTY CENT PER HOUR RAISE ACROSS THE BOARD. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor and Council thanked volunteer fireman Tim Pederson for his twenty four years of service to the department. We are grateful for all his contributions and wish him well on his retirement.

The Mayor recommended reappointing Maxine Norman and Alden Yliniemi for City Council positions on the Greenwood Connections Board.


MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO REAPPOINT MAXINE NORMAN AND ALDEN YLINIEMI FOR CITY COUNCIL POSTIONS ON THE GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS BOARD. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor recommended the appointment Jason Haugen to fill a position on the Planning Commission.

MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO APPOINT JASON HAUGEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

HENSTORF MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:40 P.M.



City Clerk/Treas/Adm.



Mayor