

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 13, 2011, 2011/ 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, June 13, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foss.

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

**MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Foss announced that congressman Chip Cravaack's Brainard office manager, Perry Nous, will be at the Menahga City Hall on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 till 1.30 to meet with the public.

Mayor Foss also introduced J.B. Scherbenske the new executive director for the West Central Regional Economic Development Alliance. He states the "Alliance" will be a regional economic development organization and will collaborate and cooperate to provide support and leverage for communities. His office will be located in Sebeka, Minnesota.

The Civic and Commerce organization submitted a proposal for lighting the city entrance signs. Two quotes were presented including a solar proposal. The Council will study the proposal and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

Tom Ellington brought up concerns about the City beach. He suggested we update our lifeguard job description. He also commented that the lifeguard on/off duty sign hasn't been used and suggested we get a new tab for the sign.

The Mayor read a letter from Fire Chief Kicker reporting on the fire hall addition and siren grant application.

Police Chief Koennicke reported that the National Night Out will be in the park on the first Tuesday of August. Councilman Henstorf complimented the Chief in that he noticed trucks are going a lot slower through town. The recent City clean up letters mailed to people with property in need of cleaning was discussed. There were only fifteen letters sent out which shows that people have pride in the community. Most people are cleaning up but some probably won't which may require legal action. The issue of ATVs being used in the city was discussed. The Chief discussed our policy and that abusers have been notified of the policy.

Liquor Store Manager Gerszewski requested approval for the liquor store to have an outside bar for the Midsummer Festival. They will have a 20 by 30 foot canopy for shade and in case of rain.

**MOTION BY HENSTORF TO AUTHORIZE THE LIQUOR STORE TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE BAR DURING THE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL AND TO BLOCK THE ALLEY. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Tom reported that the liquor committee discussed getting our own ATM machine. He had a quote from one company and is waiting for another. The committee will discuss it more and report back to the Council. He stated he may need to replace the computer for the point of sale machine.

**MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE HIRING CARLY BROCKPAHLER AS A SUBSTITUTE LIFEGUARD. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BT HENSTORF TO CHANGE THE SWIMMING LESSON FEES FOR INDIVIDUAL FROM \$10.00 TO \$15.00 AND HOUSEHOLDS FROM \$30.00 TO \$40.00. YLINIEMI SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Work Superintendent Rost reported that the manufacturer of the box for the new truck had trouble matching the gel coat paint color. Instead they added a free \$1,800.00 paint job and dropped \$400.00 from the price. All the new lift station pumps are installed a working. We will salvage the old pumps for spares.

**MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE JUNE MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Administrator Salo reviewed administration committee progress on the franchise agreement with WCTA. The only hold up is the rates and installation charges portion of the agreement. We are waiting to hear of some legal opinion as to whether or not our assessment of the old agreement is correct, rather than theirs. We also discussed possibly receiving free services instead of them paying a franchise fee. It should be resolved by the next meeting.

The administrator reviewed the investment report as presented. He also reported on the accounting software and server update.

The Council reviewed the training dates and locations for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization training. Mayor Foss and Councilor Henstorf will register for the course in Hubbard County on October 18, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Council reviewed the DNR Cooperative Agreement for the Fishing Pier Replacement. The option to move the old pier is still available. It was discussed moving it to the west access off highway 87 on City property where the boat landing is located. The possibility of obtaining road signage from the DNR and MN DOT was also discussed. Salo will contact them.

**MOTION BY NORMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE FISHING PIER REPLACEMENT. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

The administrator discussed issuing a permit to the Fire Relief Association for a beer garden on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the liquor store parking lot. Discussion ensued as to whether to issue the permit to the Fire Department or the Fire Relief Association. Due to the limited time it was decided to issue a permit to each and the administrator will check and assure it is done correctly as per State regulation and with proper insurance, etc. The City will retain the permit for the entity not conducting the event.

**MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE A PERMIT TO THE MENAHGA FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION AND THE MENAHGA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A BEER GARDEN ON JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT THE LIQUOR STORE PROPERTY. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO THE VFW FOR A BEER GARDEN IN THEIR PARKING LOT. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE A PERMIT FOR THE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS DURING THE MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY THE MIDSUMMER CRAFT FESTIVAL TO CLOSE STREETS AS REQUESTED. RASMUSSEN SECONDED, ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION NORMAN TO CLOSE A PORTION OF FIRST STREET SW BETWEEN THE CITY BEACH PARKING LOT AND THE SPIRIT LAKE BOAT ACCESS DURING THE MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

The Council discussed a proposed ordinance to amend ordinance 151.16 (E) (2) (C) "Front Yard Regulations Solar Panel And Wind Turbine Locations Shall Be Restricted So That They Are Not Located Between The Dwelling And The Street."

**MOTION BY NORMAN TO DIRECT THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND CONDUCT A PUBLIC MEETING FOR COMMENT AND RESPOND BY THE AUGUST MEETING. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. AYES: FOSS, NORMAN RASMUSSEN AND HENSTORF, NAYS: YLINIEMI MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**YLINIEMI MOVED TO ADJOURN. HENSTORF SECONDED MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:32 P.M.**

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City Clerk/Treas/Adm.

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Mayor