

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011/ 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foss.

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

Members absent: Roger Henstorf

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES MOTION, CARRIED.

City Engineer Chris Thorson, Ultieg Engineering, reviewed the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) he developed for the City. The plan included future projects limited to infrastructure type projects that would typically include street, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water distribution and related work. The components and purpose of the CIP are: identity of potential projects, the cost of each, and projected year for each of the improvements. The plan mainly looked the old infrastructure in the city. The projects addressed the 1950 and 60's water and sewer lines as well as the water tower. He also reviewed financing options through the Public Facilities Authority (PFA), Small Cities Development Grant Program (SCDP) and by the Minnesota Department of Economic Development (DEED). The Council will consider the projects for the next meeting and review how to proceed, scope of work and engineering report and at that time.

Liquor Store Manager Gerszewski reported that bar sales were down considerably due to the depressed economy, law enforcement and discretionary spending. He will try different specials and marketing to promote more sales.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE LIQUOR COMMITTEE TO REDUCE HOURS OF THE TWO FULL TIME BARTENDERS TO 32 HOURS PER WEEK AND THAT ALL PART TIME ALSO BE REDUCED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT IF SALES CONTINUE TO DECLINE, FURTHER, MORE DRASTIC CUTS MAY NEED TO BE MADE. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Foss discussed recent League of Minnesota Cities information regarding concussion training for our lifeguards. Ron will check on training certification of lifeguards.

Mayor Foss also discussed the need to implement City policy for sign retroreflectivity to comply with current regulations. We should address this at the next meeting.

The Council tabled recommendations by the Water and Sewer Committee regarding preparation of engineering reports, approval of additional staff time and funding a grant writer for the 2013 Main Street Project construction.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS EXCEPT FOR THE PARAGRAPH RECOMMENDING MAXINE NORMAN FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD. YLINIEMI SECONDED. AYES: FOSS, RASMUSSEN, YLINIEMI. ABSTAIN: NORMAN. ABSENT: HENSTORF. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Foss read a letter that Chief Koenikke sent to the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding road stripping on Highway 71 within the city. The issues will be discussed at the next Police Committee meeting.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO SET THE TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING FOR 6:30 P.M. ON DECEMBER 12, 2011 AT CITY HALL PRIOR TO THE REGULAR DECEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Foss reminded volunteer visitors for the Business Retention and Expansion Study that training will be on October 20th from 6-7:30 p.m. at the School Library/Media room.

Administrator Salo reported that the Comprehensive Plan Kickoff will be at City Hall on October 26th at 6:00 p.m.

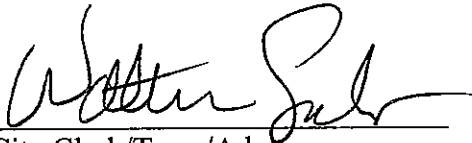
MOTION BY YLINIEMI THAT THE CITY APPROVE RESOLUTION # 1011-2011 INCREASING LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE LIMITS WHICH WILL REQUIRE ALL LICENSED VENDORS TO OBTAIN LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE LIMITS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE. SECONDED BY RASMUSSEN. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Council Norman inquired about unfinished business from the prior meeting regarding still getting onboard the County Hazard Mitigation Program to obtain a siren, the DNR Walking Trail Grant status and if we received and firm figures for the city cost share in reapplying for the Small Cities grant. Administrator Salo reported that he had not obtained any updated information on the DNR grant status or Small Cities Grant application cost. He will check on the County Hazard Mitigation Program siren grant, although they stated that at this point the City is not eligible to apply for hazard mitigation grants.

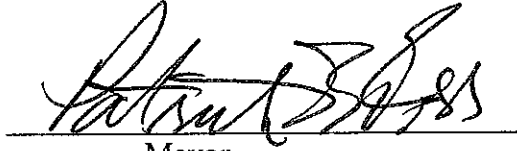
Administrator Salo reported that he had sent Andre Olin a retirement letter thanking him for his years of service. He also sent our new employee Jacob Hendrickx a welcome letter summarizing his initial terms and conditions of employment

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

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:57 P.M.**



City Clerk/Treas/Adm.



Mayor