

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011 / 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 10, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Mayor Kim Rasmussen.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Patrick Foss, Council Members Roger Henstorf and Alden Yliniemi took the oath of office administered by Clerk/Treas/Adm. Salo.

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

Mayor Foss made the following statement, "I want to thank on behalf of the City of Menahga, Tom Larson, Dennis Komulainen and Joel Mickelson for their service to the community. Without people like this, these three gentlemen who have strong commitment to the community, it would be impossible for the community to move forward. Thank you gentleman."

"Welcome to the new adventure. We have three new council members Roger Henstorf, Alden Yliniemi and myself. I suspect some of the dynamics of the City government will change somewhat because of new personalities but with the help of Kim and Maxine, the employees of the City and the citizens of Menahga we will all see a positive and open movement to the future. Thank you and let's get started."

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 13 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 20 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Jason Krebsbach of the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership presented comprehensive information as part of the public hearing requirement in applying for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program and the Commercial Rehabilitation Program. He explained local needs, program parameters and benefits as well as answered questions from the Council and community members. He also noted a change in the commercial district to include the entire central business district. Upon discussion of the change, the following motion was made:

NORMAN MOVED FOR THE SAKE OF THE GRANT APPLICATION THAT THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BE REVISED FOR THE COMMERCIAL TARGET AREAS TO BE MAIN STREET FROM CEDAR AVENUE WEST TO COTTONWOOD AND HIGHWAY 71 FROM SECOND STREET NE TO HELSINKI BOULEVARD. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Anderson from the Horizons Group discussed the fee for writing the grant application. The initial application fee paid by Menahga was \$1,000 and the final payment will be \$800.

Connie Landecker from the Community Concerned for Youth-CCY (the County's intervention diversion program) explained what her program does for Menahga youth. She works with the police and school on behavioral issues to keep them out of the court system. They perform community service, classes, mentoring and socializing activities to encourage kids from elementary school to high school to do their best.

NORMAN MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A 2006 FORD ¾ TON HEAVY DUTY TRUCK FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FROM SUNNYBROOK AUTO SALES IN THE AMOUNT \$16,500. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL YES, MOTION CARRIED. Information on a new box will be presented for the next meeting.

HENSTORF MOVE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS BOARD TO APPOINT PAT SLIFER TO THE BOARD. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #110-2011 "POLICY TO ALLOW GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS PAYMENT OF BILLS BEFORE COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION." HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SENIOR HEALTH SCREENING AND EDUCATION CLINIC FACILITY AGREEMENT RENEWAL EFFECTIVE 1-1-2011 THROUGH 12-31-2011 BETWEEN WADENA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CITY OF MENA HGA. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO APPROVE SIGNING OF THE SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM "PARTNERING CITIES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT" HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

HENSTORF MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2011 FEE SCHEDULE RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL POND LINER INSURANCE FROM THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES AT \$326.00 ANNUALLY. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO REAPPOINT JEFF PEDERSON AS CITY CRIMINAL AND CIVIL COUNSEL FOR THE 2011 YEAR. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

HENSTORF MOVED TO SET THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, THE 4-M FUND, AND TRU STAR AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE 2011 YEAR. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPOINT THE REVIEW MESSENGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY IN 2011. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR, CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS FOR THE 2011 YEAR. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

ACTING MAYOR	HENSTORF
FIRE	HENSTORF/ RASMUSSEN
POLICE	RASMUSSEN/ FOSS
LIQUOR	RASMUSSEN/ NORMAN
STREET	RASMUSSEN/ YLINIEMI
PARK/BEACH	NORMAN/ HENSTORF
WATER/SEWER	YLINIEMI/ FOSS
GREENWOOD CONNECTION	NORMAN/ YLINIEMI
ADMINISTRATION	FOSS/ HENSTORF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	FOSS/ NORMAN
PLANNING AND ZONING	ERIC HENDRICKSON/THOMAS MAC PHERSON (HENSTORF MOVED FROM CITIZEN TO CITY REPRESENTATIVE, AND ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BOB BERTTUNEN)

HENSTORF MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

HENSTORF MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:49 P.M.

City Administrator

Mayor