

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009 / 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, November 9, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Mayor Tom Larson.

Members present: Kim Rasmussen, Maxine Norman, Dennis Komulainen, and Joel Mickelson.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 19, 2009, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

- **STRIKE THE WORD “SECOND” IN THE SIXTH PARAGRAPH ON HIRING A TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE TO HELP REMODEL THE NURSING HOME.**
- **REPLACE THE SEVENTH PARAGRAPH WITH THE FOLLOWING: “CLERK OSTERMAN WAS REQUESTED TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON WHETHER OR NOT BIDS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACT FOR THE NURSING HOME.”**
- **REPLACE THE WORDS “NO FEES OR PENALTIES ON THE PAYOFF” IN THE NINTH PARAGRAPH WITH “ARBITRAGE.”**
- **REPLACE THE WORD “COSTS” WITH “QUOTES” IN THE 17TH PARAGRAPH CONCERNING THE STORMWATER POND FENCE.**
- **ADD “ALONG WITH THE STATE AUDITOR’S STATEMENT OF POSITION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISERS AND DONATIONS” IN THE FIRST SENTENCE TO THE 21ST PARAGRAPH.**
- **ADD “NORMAN SECONDED” TO THE 22ND PARAGRAPH.**
- **TAKE OUT THE PARAGRAPH REGARDING THE CIVIC & COMMERCE ASSOCIATION RAFFLE REQUEST.**

RASMUSSEN SECONDED. AYES: NORMAN, RASMUSSEN, KOMULAINEN, LARSON. ABSTAINING: MICKELSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Chief Dave Kicker presented the Fire Department report. He informed the Council that the firemen were undergoing 120 hours of training; he explained the oversight on the recent fundraiser flyer; asked for the Council’s support of the annual Pancake Feed at City Hall; and requested that the Council deny the request to pay Blueberry Township’s attorney fees.

MOTION BY LARSON TO DENY THE REQUEST (OF BLUEBERRY TOWNSHIP) FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES. MICKELSON SECONDED. AYES: RASMUSSEN, MICKELSON, LARSON. NAYS: NORMAN. ABSTAINING: KOMULAINEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Police Chief Scott Koennicke presented the Police Department report. Officer Martin Penner had participated in the Safe & Sober program, and the department has several items for sale.

MICKELSON MOVED TO PUT THE RED HYUNDAI AND THE OLD SQUAD CAR OUT FOR SEALED BIDS. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Liquor Store Manager Tom Gerszewski gave the Liquor Store report. He informed the Council that the bottom line is looking better; he is looking at money-saving possibilities; there will be no increase in the Dram Shop insurance rate; and he has taken a food safety course and received his food safety manager certification.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO BUY THE PIECE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE BEACH WITH THE CITY PAYING \$7,000 AND THE OTHER HALF FROM A \$7,000 MATCHING GRANT FOR A TOTAL OF \$14,000. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Green Pine Acres Administrator Clair Erickson presented the Greenwood Connections report.

MICKELSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS NOVEMBER 3 MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION OF STRIKING THE WORDS “WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INVOICE #408 FOR \$242.71 TO THE CITY OF MENAUGA FOR MILEAGE TO DULUTH FOR THE USHER CASE,” THEREFORE APPROVING ALL BILLS. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KOMULAINEN TO TABLE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE MARKKULA PROPERTY UNTIL THE CITY CAN INVESTIGATE AND HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION DONE. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO PUT AN AD IN THE NEWSPAPER TO SHOW INTEREST IN POSITIONS ON THE NURSING HOME BOARD AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010, AND TO HAVE APPLICANTS WRITE A LETTER OF INTEREST. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE GAMBLING PERMIT FOR THE C&C (FISHING DERBY). MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MADE A MOTION THAT “THE CITY OF MENAUGA, IF NOT ON THE MAILING LIST FOR REGION 5, GET ON THE MAILING LIST AND, IN ADDITION TO THAT MOTION, I WOULD LIKE ALL COUNCIL PEOPLE TO RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU (CITY HALL) RECEIVE SO WE’RE ALL AWARE OF WHAT COMES IN.” RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO DIRECT CLERK OSTERMAN TO GET A DUMPSTER NUMBER FROM G&T SANITATION SO THE CITY CAN PROVIDE THAT AND GET A COMPETITIVE QUOTE (FROM CITY SANITATION) AND FIND OUT WHAT BASIS G&T IS BILLING ON. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO RENEW THE VFW ON-SALE LICENSE AND THE ORTON’S OFF-SALE LICENSE. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

In Public Input, Donna Anderson approached the Council asking their consideration of repealing the State Building Code, and Jensine Kurtti presented Requests for Variances on two properties in the Central Business District, and asked for consideration of allowing residential in the Central Business District.

MOTION BY NORMAN THAT ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT COMES TO THE CITY FROM THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES REGARDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Komulainen requested that the meeting be closed for an issue he felt warranted closing the meeting. It was suggested that he run the matter past Mayor Larson, who in turn would contact City Attorney Jeff Pederson to determine whether the matter justified having a closed meeting.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OBERG FENCE BILL WHICH WILL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MICKELSON TO ADJOURN. LARSON SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.

City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Mayor