

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009 / 8:30 A.M.**

A special meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, October 19, 2009, to replace the regular October 13, 2009, regular meeting which was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Mayor Tom Larson.

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

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, WITH THE CORRECTION IN THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SOUTHWEST INSTEAD OF SOUTHEAST IN THE PARAGRAPH REGARDING THE KURTTI PROPERTY. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO SELL LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1, SOUTHGATE FIRST ADDITION, TO STEPHEN HALONEN OF JP STRUCTURES AT THE PRICE OF \$500. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

The Police report was given by Chief Koennicke. The department will not be administering administrative citations. He is also looking at the feasibility of purchasing gasoline directly from the stations to receive possible discounts.

Green Pine Acres Administrator Clair Erickson informed the council that their annual audit was underway, they are looking at replacing their old Dell server, and will be hiring a temporary maintenance employee to help remodel the nursing home.

Clerk Osterman was requested to find more information on whether or not bids are required for the physical therapy contract for the nursing home.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE NURSING HOME MINUTES AND FINANCIALS. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO PAY OFF THE FIRE TRUCK LEASE AT THE LOCAL BANK BY THE NOVEMBER MEETING, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION BE OBTAINED REGARDING ARBITRAGE. LARSON SECONDED. AYES: RASMUSSEN, NORMAN, LARSON. NAYES: KOMULAINEN. MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO SET THE CSAH 21 ASSESSMENT HEARING DATE FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO SET THE WATER AND SEWER HOOKUP DEADLINE FOR HOMES ALONG CSAH 21 AT DECEMBER 31, 2010. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RED FLAG POLICY AS PRESENTED, WITH THE CONDITION THAT WAYNE ROST'S NAME IS REMOVED FROM THE CONTACT INFORMATION SECTION AND THAT "UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT" IS USED INSTEAD. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Dates were set for budget committee meetings.

A letter was reviewed from the Wadena County Auditor's Office regarding returning eight parcels back to private ownership and waiving the special assessments on those parcels.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO HAVE OFFICE STAFF MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL THE ASSESSMENTS ON THE EIGHT PARCELS FOR THE NEXT MEETING, AT WHICH TIME A DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Teri Osterman briefed the council on a request from Ehlers for a contract for continuing disclosure reporting services as part of the CSAH 21 project bond covenants, a request from the Review Messenger to obtain access to the tape recording of the closed portion of the October 1, 2009, special meeting, and other notices and communications. Osterman will check on pricing for the disclosure reporting.

MOTION BY NORMAN TO OBTAIN QUOTES AND PUT UP A FENCE ALONG THE STORMWATER POND BEHIND CITY HALL. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

NORMAN MOVED TO PLACE GREEN PINE ACRES ON THE REGION 5 CEDS (COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY) LIST IN THE OPPORTUNITY FUNDING SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE FOR THE NURSING HOME EXPANSION/BUILDING PROJECT. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Council directed Norman to bring more information to the next meeting.

MOTION BY NORMAN FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR OSTERMAN TO COMPLETE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE BEACH AREA. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY NORMAN FOR OFFICE STAFF TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CLARIFYING THE USE OF THE FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION'S NAME FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS, ALONG WITH THE STATE AUDITOR'S STATEMENT OF POSITION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISERS AND DONATIONS, AND PRESENT THE LETTER TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

KOMULAINEN MOVED TO TABLE THE REQUEST FROM BLUEBERRY TOWNSHIP FOR REIMBURSING THEIR ATTORNEY FEES UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WHEN COUNCILMAN MICKELSON IS PRESENT AND TO CHECK WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AS TO THE LEGALITY OF THE CITY PAYING THE BILL. NORMAN SECONDED. AYES: RASMUSSEN, NORMAN, KOMULAINEN. NAYES: LARSON. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY LARSON TO BEGIN THE NOVEMBER 9, 2009, MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

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

The meeting was closed at 9:51 p.m. for finalization of Police Chief Koennicke's probationary review. The meeting was reopened at 10:01 p.m.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE FAVORABLE REVIEW OF CHIEF KOENNICKE AND THAT THE REVIEW IS PART OF HIS PERSONNEL FILE. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:02 P.M.

City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Mayor