

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 / 5:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, September 14, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Larson.

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

**MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE AUGUST REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS IN THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: MOTION CARRIED IN THE THIRD MOTION, THE SPELLING OF "OBLIGATION" IN THE FOURTH MOTION THE SPELLING "NEISESS" IN THE 6TH MOTION, AND THE SPELLING "ADJOURNED" IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING THE BRIGGS & MORGAN WAIVER. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY MICKELSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 0914-2009 APPROVING THE SALE OF \$1,015,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2009A TO THE LOW BIDDER, UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC., NEW YORK, NY, AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 3.2943 PERCENT TO FINANCE THE CSAH 21 WATER AND SEWER PROJECT. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED FOR A SHOW OF SUPPORT FROM THE MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL FOR THE DNR ACQUISITION OF 51 ACRES ON SPIRIT LAKE, AS PRESENTED BY DOUG KINGSLEY OF THE DNR. SECONDED BY NORMAN. AYES: RASMUSSEN, MICKELSON, NORMAN, LARSON. NAYES: KOMULAINEN. MOTION CARRIED.**

Karol Andreasen approached the Council regarding using the Fire Hall for "Ruby's Pantry," a surplus food distributor. City staff will check with insurance company regarding liability. No action was taken.

In Public Input, Kari Tomperi, Clerk of Blueberry Township, requested reimbursement of \$3,295.66 for township legal expenses incurred investigating the Fire Department sinking fund. No action was taken. Jensine Kurtti addressed the council regarding building plans on her property on Aspen Ave. SW. She was instructed to fill out a variance form and submit a plan to the Council.

**MOTION BY MICKELSON TO APPROVE THE NURSING HOME MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTION OF STRIKING THE FOLLOWING WORDS FROM RASMUSSEN'S MOTION, "THAT WILL ALSO INCLUDE SEPARATION FOR THE CITY OF MENAHGA AND GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS CONCERNING**

**COMPARABLE WORTH.” RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE THE NURSING HOME FINANCIALS. SECONDED BY MICKELSON. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**NORMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FAVORABLE EVALUATION OF GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR CLAIR ERICKSON. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY MICKELSON TO SEND OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO GET A CONSULTANT QUOTE FOR AN EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY FOR THE CITY WITH A NOVEMBER 1, 2009, DEADLINE. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY NORMAN TO TRANSFER \$29,344.70 INTO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 4-M EQUIPMENT (SINKING) FUND TO MAKE THE ACCOUNT WHOLE THROUGH 2008. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY NORMAN THAT THE SIGNED FIRE AGREEMENT SERVE AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT TO ADDRESS THE DEPOSIT OF FIRE CALL RECEIPTS. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MICKELSON MOVED THAT THE USE OF THE SINKING FUND BE DETERMINED AND TO USE WHATEVER FUNDS ARE IN IT AS APPROPRIATE AND LEGAL TO PAY OFF THE CURRENT FIRE TRUCK LEASE BALANCE, AND USE THE REMAINING FUNDS FOR FUTURE FIRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. NORMAN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY NORMAN TO APPROVE A POLICY THAT WHEN A GRANT IS AWARDED A COPY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FILED AT CITY HALL. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MICKELSON MOVED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING HOOKED ON FISHING DONATIONS IN 2009. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY MICKELSON TO INCREASE THE PROPOSED LEVY FOR 2010 BY \$10,000, SETTING THE PROPOSED LEVY AT \$342,364. KOMULAINEN SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**NORMAN MOVED FOR CITY STAFF TO CONTACT REGION 5 SHOWING INTEREST IN A GRANT APPLICATION PROVIDING ADMINISTRATION, FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**RASMUSSEN MOVED TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was closed at 9:44 p.m. for the Probationary Review of Police Chief Scott Koennicke. Following Koennicke's review was the finalization of City Administrator Teri Osterman's review.

The meeting was reopened.

**MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE EVALUATION SUMMARY OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR TERI OSTERMAN AFTER DEPUTY CLERK LARSON REVIEWS THE TAPE TO CORRECT THE QUOTE BY MICKELSON IN THE THIRD TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH. MICKELSON SECONDED. ALL MEMBERS AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MICKELSON TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY LARSON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:12 P.M.**

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City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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Mayor