

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2012/ 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, February 13, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foss.

Members Present: Kim Rasmussen, Roger Henstorf, and Tracy Tomperi.
Members Absent: Alden Yliniemi

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. HENSTORF SECONDED. AYES: FOSS, RASMUSSEN, HENSTORF, TOMPERI, NAYES NONE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 23, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. TOMPERI SECONDED. AYES: FOSS, HENSTORF, TOMPERI. ABSTAIN: RASMUSSEN, MOTION CARRIED.

Paul Freidrich from the Wadena County Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club addressed the council on trail access. He stated that the property on the south side of Blueberry river has only 20 feet to the west of the of railroad tracks and there would not be enough footage to drop down to the bottom of the bed and use as access to cross the river. He is trying to establish contact with the property owner on the south side of the river. They will need her approval to use her land in that going further east would not provide proper footings. She did not express any interest on their initial contact and they have not been able to connect with her since. The other possibility is to pursue MNDOT approve to utilize the state highway right of way. They also need approval of the DNR to cross the river. The club will be applying for some capital improvement funds to improve their system. A decision of acceptance into the program won't be made until this fall to decide if they could use some of those monies on the project. The total cost is looking like \$16-18,000. Purchase of the bridge, transportation, set the footings, labor and equipment. They will be providing insurance information and keep us informed of progress.

Chris Thorson of Ulteig Engineering presented the facility plan for the 2013 Street and Utility Improvements and 2013 Pavement Improvements. The meeting was also a public hearing for the Public Facility Authority funding application. He reviewed the estimated project costs for the improvements based upon current material process and bidding climates. Costs were as follows: Capital Improvement Project Area 1 (Main Street East) \$1,055,000, Project Area 2 (First Avenue NW) \$1,055,000 and Project area 3 (MDC Street Paving) \$112,000.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 0213-2012 "2013 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS". THEREFORE ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT FOR 2013 STREET AND THE UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AS THE FACILITY PLAN. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

The Fire Committee reported that fire contracts for 2012 and 2013 were presented to Blueberry, Shell River and Huntersville townships at the annual meeting January 19, 2012. The committee recommends the City Council approval the township contracts as presented.

HENSTORF MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2012/2013 BLUEBERRY FIRE CONTRACT AS PRESENTED. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

HENSTORF MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2012/2013 SHELL RIVER FIRE CONTRACT AS PRESENTED. TOMPERI SECONDED. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RASMUSSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2012/2013 HUNTERSVILLE FIRE CONTRACTS AS PRESENTED. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Henstorf reported on the Park and Beach committee proposed improvements at the campground. An Outdoor Recreation Preliminary Grant Request was submitted to the DNR for the Memorial Forest Campground Project for an estimated total cost is \$200,000. Upon review it would be more affordable for the City to construct new restrooms on our own. The DNR grant sets a low priority for approving restrooms and would incur additional compliance costs for state septic system requirements. In order to get cost estimates, he is requesting approval for approximately \$1,100.00 for plans from Merickel Lumber. This would firm up the construction costs and provide bidding documents. The park department currently has \$23,800 in depreciation funds that could be used for the project. The balance could come from donations from service organizations, businesses, individual donors and the general fund.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO ALLOW APPROXIMATELY \$1,100.00 FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS FOR CAMPGROUND RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

The administrator was directed to also see what city funds would be available for the project.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE JANUARY MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS. TOMPERI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Salo reported that the city investment policy was updated with the identical provisions as Greenwood Connections.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE UPDATED CITY INVESTMENT POLICY. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT WITH WADENA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE SENIOR HEALTH SCREENING AND EDUCATION CLINIC FACILITY AGREEMENT RENEWAL. TOMPERI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Salo reported that the Wadena County Assessor has scheduled the annual Board of Review for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 1:00pm. The meeting will be an open book meeting. The City will need to pass a resolution to reinstate board of review power locally.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 0213-2012A "LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW REINSTATED." RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Administrator Salo reported that the Small Cities Development Program Manager Jason Krebsbach emailed a revised Partnering Cities Cooperative Agreement that will have to be executed and submitted with the full application. The Council had numerous question regarding the program and agreement. They need a face to face meeting to clarify program concerns before taking action on this issue. Salo will contact Mr. Krebsbach to arrange the meeting.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED. TOMPERI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

HENSTORF MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:53 P.M.



City Clerk/Treas/Adm.



Mayor