

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012/ 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, January 9, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foss.

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

Members Absent: Maxine Norman

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2011 TRUTH-IN TAXATION MEETING MINUTES. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor read the following letter of resignation by Councilor Maxine Norman dated December 15, 2011:

Today I received confirmation that I will be transferring to another Regional Extension Office which will make me even more unavailable in my community than I am at the present time. Although I brought this to your attention a few weeks ago and we agreed I would attempt to stay on the Council as long as possible in 2012, I regret to inform you after discussing the work site move and new work responsibilities with my supervisor this morning, I feel I must resign from the Menahga City council Immediately.

I wish to thank the voters of Menahga for the opportunity to represent and serve them on the City council for three full years and apologize for not being able to complete my full term. Quitting or walking away from responsibility is not part of my mode of operation. However, it is clear my employment situation will not be compatible with my continued involvement on City Council.

The last three years have been a humbling yet educational experience in many ways and has contributed to both my professional and personal growth. I am pleased to see forward movement on a number of items on which I campaigned (comp plan update, economic development, focus on natural resources for tourism) which leaves me feeling my time was not spent in vain.

I leave my post wishing the City Council and the City of Menahga much success in the completion of current projects and as new endeavors are talked. I will remain as a volunteer with the BR&E Study as much as is possible with the pending move.

Most sincerely (and Merry Christmas)

Maxine Norman
City Council Member

YLINIEMI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MAXINE NORMAN FROM THE MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15, 2011. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Foss thanked Maxine personally and thought she was a very important part of the City of Menahga. The Mayor also stated that the administration committee recommends appointing Tracy Tomperi to fill the unexpired term of Maxine Norman.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO APPOINT TRACY TOMPERI TO FILL MAXINE NORMAN'S POSITION ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

OATH OF OFFICE TO CITY COUNCILMEMBER

Council Member Tracy Tomperi took the oath of office administered by Administrator Salo.

Paul Freidrich and Duane Johnson from the Wadena County Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club addressed the council on trail access to cross the Blueberry River. Snowmobiles currently cross the bridge on Highway 71. They have located an existing sixty five by six foot walking bridge to cross the river for safety issues. The City owns the property on the north side of the river and Linda Hanninen owns the property to the south along highway 71. The City owns the southerly portion of the railroad right of way and Linda Hanninen owns the northerly portion. The other option would be to place the bridge diagonally going from city to city property. In either location they will need approval by the property owners. They sought approval to proceed on the project on city property. There were several concerns that would need to be addressed especially insurance, liability, maintenance, etc. The Council wanted to clear this with the City's insurance and property liability agents before taking any action. The Council was agreeable to proceed on the project planning with the assumption the insurance and loss control issues can be properly address.

Fire Chief Kicker reported on fire calls, delivery of our new truck and well as the two trucks we are selling. The fire committee was planning to meet on January 17th and hold the Township meeting on the 19th to present their contracts for 2012-13. The Council encouraged the department to fully utilize trainings offered for the safety of the members and the public.

Police Chief Koennicke reported on the monthly police activity. He discussed the Emergency Preparedness Planning status. The police committee will be meeting to go through the plan. There was discussion on replacing the warning sign by the school.

Councilor Henstorf requested that the city approve the submission of a new DNR grant application for improvements at the campground, particularly restrooms.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO AUTHORIZE THE PARK AND BEACH COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS OF APPLING FOR A \$200,000.00 DNR MATCHING GRANT FOR CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Utility Superintendent Rost reported on the recent Sanitary Survey for Menahga public water supply by the Minnesota Department of Health. The survey found no findings or defects with the Menahga's public water supply. We are waiting to hear from the state on well head protection.

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

Administrator Salo will work with GWC to finalize changes to the nursing and City investment policies. He also reviewed the City quarterly investment report.

The Council discussed the application process for the Housing and Commercial Rehabilitation Small Cities Grant. Another financial commitment from the city for the final application could be between \$625 and \$1,200 depending upon additional funding from the Initiative Foundation. The Council wants to know what they are going to have to pay and will consider the final application commitment when that is available.

HENSTORF MOVED TO REAPPOINT JEFF PEDERSON AS CITY CRIMINAL AND CIVIL COUNSEL FOR THE 2012 YEAR. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

YLINIEMI MOVED TO SET THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, THE 4-M FUND, AND TRUSTAR AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE 2012 YEAR. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.


RASMUSSEN MOVED TO APPOINT THE REVIEW MESSENGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY IN 2012. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

YLINIEMI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS FOR THE 2012 YEAR. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

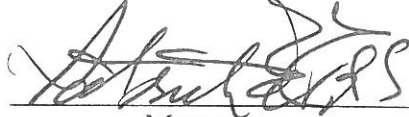
ACTING MAYOR	HENSTORF
FIRE	HENSTORF/ RASMUSSEN
POLICE	RASMUSSEN/ FOSS
LIQUOR	RASMUSSEN/ TOMPERI
STREET	RASMUSSEN/ YLINIEMI
PARK/BEACH	TOMPERI/ HENSTORF
WATER/SEWER	YLINIEMI/ FOSS
GREENWOOD CONNECTION	FOSS/ YLINIEMI
ADMINISTRATION	FOSS/ HENSTORF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	FOSS/ TOMPERI
PLANNING AND ZONING	ROGER HENSTORF
	THOMAS MAC PHERSON
	ELIZABETH OLSON
	JERRY WISURI
	JASON HAUGEN

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

YLINIEMI MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:54 P.M.



City Clerk/Treas/Adm.



Mayor