

## MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2012/ 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, June 11, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foss.

Members Present: Kim Rasmussen, Roger Henstorf, Tracy Tomperi, and Alden Yliniemi  
Members Absent: None

**MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE MAY 14, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Auditors Doug Host, partner and Mary Reedy, manager of the auditing firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP presented the audit report for fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. They reviewed the city's financial information in detail for the year 2011 with the Council and gave a clean unqualified professional opinion.

**MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY AUDITOR CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Chris Thorson of Ulteig Engineers presented an update on the proposed improvement projects. He reported that he has applied to Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PHA) which provides municipal financing programs and expertise to help communities build public infrastructure. They have two separate funds for water and sewer, the Drinking Water Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The Drinking Water Fund is looking good for funding. The Clean Water Fund (sewer) is not looking as good. The point ranking for the sewer improvements is low based on their scale of need. The age of the system is all we have for need. We don't have a failing sewer system, health issues, or inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues. There appears to more demand across the state for sewer improvements and the PHA has tightened up the points system to qualify for funding. Due to the sewer system still functioning, the porous sandy soil, and good maintenance we won't have the points for funding. He will continue to research other funding sources through Rural Development and the Department of Employment and Economic Development. The mayor encouraged him to keep checking for funding.

The Council set another public hearing for 6:00 pm Monday, July 9, 2012 prior to the regular council meeting for the purpose of public comment and possible action on a Proposed Special Assessment and Trunk Area Policies and Procedures for Public Improvements and Maintenance Costs.

Police Chief Koennicke reported on the status of the clean up letters. Most people are complying although a few need to be shown what needs to be done. A couple are continual issues and need to be addressed by the city attorney. The department is well staffed for coverage during the Midsummer Celebration. He stated that he will make some contacts to try and expedite the MN DOT street striping. A police committee meeting will be arranged soon to discuss the emergency plan.

A liquor committee meeting was set for 5:00pm Monday June 18, 2012 to discuss the Midsummer arrangements.

Park and Beach Superintendent Neiss provided information on the status of the campground restroom project. The old building is demolished. Sewer work should start by the end of the week then we can set forms for the slab. The plumbing permit should be here any day. The city had expedited the permit at additional cost. He stated Eleventh Street will be graveled with class five. The road was never constructed correctly and would require considerable funding to remove the muck and fill in with a solid base. Closing the road to heavy truck traffic or diverting it southerly across to 12<sup>th</sup> street was discussed. Neiss reported that we are short lifeguards at the beach and recommended hiring a person on the beach to have another set of eyes during swimming lessons. We will continue to search for lifeguards and/or someone to help on the beach.

Administrator Salo reported that the DNR grant status is contingent upon our vendor completing the site survey required by the MN State Historical Society.

The city street/parks utility worker Jake Hendrickx completed his training and received his class D wastewater certification. Mayor Foss stated it has been the practice to provide an additional pay increase upon attaining the certification. Upon the recommendation of the public works superintendent he requested that Hendrickx receive an additional twenty-five cents per hour in pay.

**MOTION BY HENSTORF TO INCREASE JAKE HENDRICKX PAY BY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER HOUR FOR THE REASON OF COMPLETING TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION FOR HIS CLASS D WASTEWATER LICENSE. TOMPERI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE JUNE MINUTES AND FINANCIALS FOR GREENWOOD CONNECTIONS. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Salo requested the approval of Elizabeth Flanagan-Montie for the head life guard position.

**MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF ELIZABETH FLANAGAN-MONTIE FOR THE HEAD LIFE GUARD POSITION. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO NOT WAIVE THE MONETARY LIMITS ON TORT LIABILITY ESTABLISHED BY MINNESOTA STATUTE 466.04 FOR THE CITY LIABILITY COVERAGE WITH THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY YLINIMI TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY THE VFW POST #6206 FOR A TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE ON JUNE 30, 2012 FOR A WEDDING. SECONDED BY RASMUSSEN. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Salo reported on correspondences, Midsummer celebration preparations, and the school addition.

**MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT JORDAN TORMA TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REPLACE JASON HAUGEN. SECONDED BY TOMPERI. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

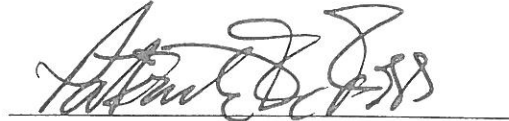
**MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Foss reminded everyone that there will be another public hearing prior to the next regular meeting of July 9, 2012 at 6:00 pm for the special assessment policy. The BR&E project teams will also be meeting June 26 at 6:00 pm.

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



Admin/Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor