

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2012/ 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 12, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Foss.

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

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 13, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Sandy Voigt from the Initiative Foundation came to say thank you and presented a certificate of appreciation for the contributions and support that the City of Menahga has done for the Initiative Foundation over the last five years. They are celebrating a 25th anniversary of the Foundation and will have a commemorative wall drawing installed in their office with Menahga recognized on it. She stated that Menahga has partnered with the Foundation on several projects including: grant applications, financing projects with business in the area, engaged citizens and trained leaders, Thriving Communities Healthy Communities program, Business Retention and Expansion program, and the revolving loan fund. They want to be our solution provider.

Fire department training officer Alden Yliniemi reported on his attendance at the National Firefighter's Academy VIP training program. The week long training was in the state of Maryland near Gettysburg. He provided valuable information he plans to pass along in training sessions with the Menahga Fire Department.

Police Chief Koennicke reported on his department activities including the new ECharging service which will require a new BCA Master Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) along with a Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment. He also gave an update on the emergency preparedness plan.

Liquor Store Manger Gerszewski presented information on the ATM machine replacement. The liquor committee had reviewed placement agreements for an ATM at the Northbound Spirits. With the agreement the store would not own the machine, would not be responsible for maintenance, filing the machine with cash or paying bank processing fees. We would only provide space, a non dedicated telephone line and 110 volt power. In return the city would receive a monthly check for \$1.00 for every completed transaction. The committee recommended the council not purchase an ATM as previously approved and accept the five year placement proposal from Derek Rasmussen. Committee member Rasmussen abstained from the proposal discussions and recommendations due to a conflict of interest

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO ACCEPT THE ATM PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DEREK RASMUSSEN. TOMPERI SECONDED. AYES: FOSS, HENSTORF, YLINIEMI AD TOMPERI. ABSTAINING: RASMUSSEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Gerszewski recommended the hiring of Stephanie Peters for the position of part time bartender.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF STEPHANIE PETERS FOR THE POSITION OF PART TIME BARTENDER AT NORTH BOUND SPIRITS. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Park and Beach Superintendent Neisess, presented drawings of the proposed new restroom at the Menahga Memorial Forest Campground. He stated that if the Council considers this acceptable he will get some prices together before the next meeting. He can't get an itemized price without getting quotes but, should be able to get within 10-15 percent of what this project should cost.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO ALLOW NEISESS TO SECURE PRICES ON THE PROJECT AND FOR THE CITY TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING QUOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Neisess met with Roy Schwartz who gave prices for log structures similar to the type at West Central Telephone. There were two sizes discussed at the meeting a 16 by 16 and 16 by 24. They would have log posts, log headers, log rafters, rough pine ceiling and a steel roof. The C & C had the idea, although we don't know how much financial participation the C & C could provide. The city owns 15-20 acres of Norway pine plantation that could possibly be thinned. Schwartz said he could use our logs for the project and would be interested in buying additional logs. Ron contacted the DNR and they would, at no charge, cruise our plantation to determine if it would benefit from being thinned again and if so, what kind of valuation we could receive from the logs. The city could utilize the log value for a number city projects including the DNR walking trail grant.

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

Administrator Salo presented a revolving fund application by Wayne Isaacson for a new business in Menahga.

MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR \$25,000 FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO WAYNE ISACCON FOR HIS NEW BUSINESS, "A CLEAN PLATE." HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Salo presented a resolution to approve a BCA Master Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) along with a Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment as was discusses earlier.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.0312-2012 "RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF MENAHGA ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT" WITH CHANGES TO REFLECT SPECIFIC NAMES WITH POSITIONS. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Salo presented a proposal for the installation of a door by the front desk at city hall.

MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL BY ROGER HENSTORF FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FRONT DESK DOOR AT CITY HALL. TOMPERI SECONDED. AYES FOSS, RASMUSSEN, YLINIEMI AND TOMPERI. ABSTAINING: HENSTORF.

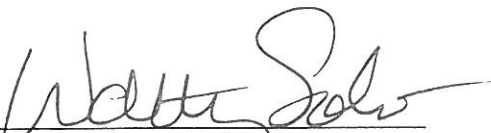
Salo presented a resolution regarding precinct boundaries that must be reestablished within 60 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 19 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 0312-2012A "RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE." YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.


MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MENAUGA VFW POST NO. 6206 FOR MARCH 16 AND 17, 2012 DURING ST. URHO DAYS. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO ACCEPT THE BILLS AS PRESENTED. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

HENSTORF MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39 P.M.



City Clerk/Treas/Adm.



Mayor