

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2012/ 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 14, 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 APRIL 9, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE APRIL 16, 2012 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. TOMPERI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Rick Pinnick representing the Civic and Commerce reported on events scheduled for the Mid Summer Celebration. The Great Lakes Timber Show will be on Sunday at 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm near the Spirit lake boat access. Cody Rides and So Big Shows will have rides, food booths and games near the water tower. There will also be a craft fair on Main Street again this year.

The Council reviewed the Planning Commission recommendation for a shoreland variance request by the Menahga Public School. They held a public hearing to consider an application by the School which would allow construction of an addition to the School which would increase the impervious surface within the City's Shoreland Zoning District. The request for approval of the variance was approved by the Commission with the conditions:

- (a) that the School District restore an amount of currently impervious surface to pervious nature equal to the amount of new impervious surface created. That amount of newly created impervious surface is estimated to 1,595 square feet.
- (b) That the School District meet with representatives of the adjoining land owner, the Apostolic Lutheran Church and devise a reasonable plan to address drainage issues which may affect the adjoining property.

The Planning Commission recommends that the Menahga City Council adopt these recommends and approve the Variance Application.

The Council heard from Mary Klamm, Superintendent of the Menahga School District, and Rudy Ollanketo, Chairman of the Menahga Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church, regarding the variance conditions. Mrs. Klamm reported that they had resolved the situation as outlined at the May 8, 2012 Planning Commission hearing. She also told the church members that she would be in contact with them to discuss the possibilities of a rain garden when determining how they would add additional pervious surface to replace the 1,595 square feet of impervious surface. The church members have requested an evaluation of run-off rain water within nine months following completion of the project.

Jensine Kurtti inquired of the next step in this project. She stated that a portion of the land the school is proposing to build on is actually city property. She presented material she obtained from the county court house indicating that Birch Street was not vacated past out lot nine and would be an active street. The property adjacent was also deeded to the City of Menahga.

The Council discussed the new property information and it was recommended that they vote on the variance but delay issuance of the land use permit contingent upon having the city attorney research property ownership and street vacation and if necessary commence the property vacation process.

Mrs. Klamm stated that the School District is willing to do what is necessary to resolve the situation.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 0514-2012C APPROVING THE VARIANCE AS PRESENTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW THE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND STREET VACATION BEFORE ISSUING THE LAND USE PERMIT FOR THE SCHOOL ADDITION. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Luke Mandershied representing the fire department requested approval of a "DNR Rural Fire Department Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Matching Grant Project Proposal." The Grant is for \$1,080.00 and the city match would be fifty percent or \$540.00. The project is for the estimated total cost of installing one connection to an irrigator in Shell River Township with the property owner's approval.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE "DNR RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) MATCHING GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL" APPLICATION FOR ONE WATER HYDRANT (IRRIGATOR) CONNECTION IN SHELL RIVER TOWNSHIP. SECONDED BY TOMPERI. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Mandershied also presented an estimate by Contact Radio Communications in the amount of \$1,904.28 for the purchase and installation of a siren controller. The device would allow the county to activate the county's siren remotely in case of emergencies. The company has installed all the county's radios and siren controllers as well as the fire department 800 MHz antennas.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SIREN CONTROLLER BY CONTACT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,904.28. RASMUSSEN SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Liquor store manager Tom Gerszewski read a resignation letter by Betty Hotakainen stating she is giving notice of retirement as of May 26, 2012 as bartender at the Northbound Spirits and Lounge. He stated that her service was exemplary and she will be sorely missed. A letter will be sent to Betty thanking her for her years of service.

Gerszewski reported that the Fire Department was not having a band and beer garden this year. He was approached by the Lion's Club about them having a band, selling food and helping serve beer during the Mid Summer Festival. A question came up if the Lion's Club needed a liquor and insurance. Administrator Salo will check into Liquor Liability insurance liability for volunteers.

Administrator Salo presented resolutions for the financing and reimbursement of the campground restroom project. Ehlers and Associates prepared options for repayment of the \$98,637.64 for up to twenty years. The consensus of the Council was to set the repayment term at fifteen years from the capital equipment fund. A special project fund will be set up per our auditor's recommendation.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 0514-2012 "APPROVING THE TERMS OF AN INTERNAL LOAN IN CONNECTION WITH MENAHGA MEMORIAL FOREST CAMPGROUND RESTROOM PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS. " AND RESOLUTION 0514-2012A "DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF MENAHGA TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY." YLINIEMI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Public utilities superintendent reported that Jake Hendrickx passed his class D waste water license and will be attending water in June for his water license. We had a lift station pump that went down that was replaced a year ago that is covered by warranty.

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

Administrator Salo presented lifeguards applications for Council approval, Tarrin Mickelson, Whitney Nelson, Carly Brockphaler and Austin Cannon.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE HIRING LIFEGUARDS TARRIN MICKELSON, WHITNEY NELSON, CARLY BROCKPHALER AND AUSTIN CANNON.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION BY THE MENAHGA VFW POST 6206 FOR A FOUR DAY TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY HENSTORF TO APPROVE THE FIREWORKS APPLICATION BY THE MENAHGA CIVIC AND COMMERCE. TOMPERI SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Salo reported that the city received notice from the State of Minnesota Pay Equity Coordinator of compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act.

MOTION BY FOSS APPROVING A REQUEST BY LANGDON SPANGLER, GRANDSON OF JOE SPANGLER, TO ALLOW THE FAMILY OF JOE SPANGLER TO PUT A MEMORIAL BENCH NEXT TO THE CITY BOAT LANDING. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

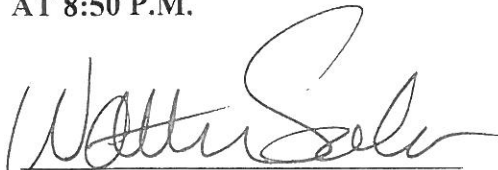
Mayor Foss discussed the need to revise our special assessment policy for public improvements and maintenance costs. There is a well written assessment policy by Ehlers and Associates in the Council packet that he would like everyone to review for comments. He would like to have a public hearing for comments on the policy a half hour prior to the June meeting in order to get public comments and start the process moving.

MOTION BY YLINIEMI TO HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING TO REVIEW THE ASSESSMENT POLICY AT 6:30 PM ON JUNE 11, 2012 PRIOR TO THE JUNE REGULAR MEETING. HENSTORF SECONDED. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mayor Foss reminded everyone involved in the Business Retention and Expansion Study that there will be dinner meeting on June 5, 2012 from 4 till 9pm at the Blueberry Pines Golf Club. There will also be a Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 6:00 pm on May 31, 2012 at City Hall.

**HENSTORF MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:50 P.M.**



Admin/Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor