

City of Menahga
Regular Meeting City Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

A. Call to Order

The Menahga City Council Held a Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Mayor Liimatta called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Roll Call

Comprising a quorum of the council, the following members were present:

Tim Ellingson – Remotely	Robyn Keranen – Council Chambers
Karol Andreasen – Remotely	Mayor Joan Liimatta – Council Chambers
Art Huebner – Remotely	

- Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes

1. March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To approve March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes with 2 spelling corrections

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

2. March 17, 2020, Emergency Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: To approve March 17, 2020, Emergency Meeting Minutes

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Andreasen
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed:	None

D. Public Forum and Correspondence

E. Consent Agenda

1. City as Fiduciary Agent for Fire Relief Donation

Main Motion: To accept donation of trailer funds and will execute purchase trailer for the use of the Fire Department.

Moved by:	Liimatta
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote

In favor: Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Huebner, Keranen
Opposed: None

F. Public Hearings

G. Acknowledgement of receipt of board/commission minutes

1. Greenwood Connections Board Minutes

H. Board/Commission/Committee Reports

I. Staff Reports

1. Laura Ahlf, Greenwood Connections Administrator
 - Census 87.94
 - Today is 55 with 4 empty beds
 - Considering making a quarantine area just in case of a positive test
 - Elevator quit working – Quote from Otis Elevator \$51,500 last year has gone up \$1,000
 - New PTO Policy for the Emergency PTO Policy – Family First Corona Virus Act
 - Contacted MN Dept Health Engineer and MN Dept Health Surveyor Inspector – they approved the construction. People will not be walking through the building. Construction workers will be going through the window. There are temporary stairs built.
 - Employees have been wearing cloth masks, no activities, and dining room closed as to minimize interaction.

Main Motion: To accept Green Pine Acres Board Minutes as presented and report by Administrator Laura Ahlf

Moved by:	Huebner
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None

2. Renata Parks, Liquor Store Manager
 - Mayor Liimatta questioned – if it would be necessary to put someone on unemployment
 - Barstools have not been ordered yet because stores are closed by governor
 - Sign – Councilmember Andreasen is wondering what we are planning on doing with this
 1. Mayor Liimatta wants to have info at next meeting and put it on the agenda to decide

Main Motion: To accept Liquor Store report as presented Manager, Renata Parks

Moved by:	Andreasen
Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None

3. Ron Yliniemi, Public Works Director (presented by Administrator Kreklau)
 - Councilmember Andreasen inquired about Lifeguard Applications
 1. Administrator Kreklau stated that would be discussed under New Business number 4
4. Chief Adam Gunderson, Police Department
 - Keith's new squad car is out and about
 - We are waiting on Mr. Krey's background
 - Councilmember Andreasen asked if we had sold the old squads yet
 1. Chief Gunderson said he was waiting until after Midsummer
 - Councilmember Ellingson questioned the graphics for 4802 squad

Main Motion: To accept Police Department report as presented by Chief Gunderson

Moved by:	Huebner
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None

5. Chief Dave Kicker, Fire Department
 - 3 grass fires, 1 structure fire
 - Fire Department is doing birthday parades for the community – the community is really enjoying it
 - Relief received a \$21,000 donation and is purchasing an ATV with tracks on it for grass fires
 - Wants approval to apply for a 50/50 \$5,0000 DNR Hose Grant
 - Not all contracts are signed with the Townships – Administrator Kreklau has been meeting with representatives from the township

Main Motion: To approve proceeding with \$5,000 DNR Hose Grant 50/50

Moved by:	Huebner
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None

- The truck that was ordered is projected to be here in February

Main Motion: To accept Fire Department report as presented by Chief Kicker

Moved by:	Huebner
Seconded by:	Keranen
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None

6. Curt Kreklau Jr, City Administrator
 - We have engaged Sand Creek on the employee assistance program
 - Looking at other software options
 - Union negotiations update

Main Motion: To accept Administrator report as presented by Curtis Kreklau Jr

Moved by:	Keranen
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Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None

J. New Business

1. DNR Timber Bids

Main Motion: To accept bid from Edin Logging Inc for \$35,559.00

Moved by:	Ellingson
Seconded by:	Liimatta
Action:	Failed by 2-3 roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Liimatta
Opposed:	Andreasen, Keranen, Huebner

Main Motion: To accept bid from Hodgden Logging Inc for \$30,838.55

Moved by:	Huebner
Seconded by:	Liimatta
Action:	Passed by 4-1 roll call vote
In favor:	Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	Ellingson

2. Water Bill Reduction

Main Motion: To reduce total difference by \$206.48

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Liimatta
Action:	Failed by 4-1 roll call vote
In favor:	Liimatta, Keranen,
Opposed:	Ellingson, Andreasen, Huebner

Main Motion: To approve reduction of water bill by \$184.00, a 50% difference

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion carried by 4-1 roll call vote
In favor:	Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	Ellingson

3. MN Warn Resolution

- Minnesota Water Agency Response Network – for small municipalities like us, basically mutual aid. No cost. We get on a roster regionally.

Main Motion: To adopt MN WARN Resolution and sign MN WARN agreement

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Liimatta
Action:	Passed by unanimous roll call vote

In favor: Ellingson, Andreasen, Liimatta, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed: None

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENTAL
UNIT TO BE A PARTY TO MINNESOTA WATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (MnWARN)
WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59 authorizes governmental units by agreement of their governing bodies to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to them;
WHEREAS, MnWARN has been established by the adoption of a Mutual Aid Agreement (the Agreement) among Governmental Units to allow their water, wastewater and storm water utilities to assist each other in case of an emergency;
WHEREAS, the Agreement allows other governmental units to become a party to the Agreement by the adoption of this Resolution and sending notice to the Secretary of the Statewide Committee for MnWARN; and
WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Menahga considers it to be in the best interest of the City to be a party to the Agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Menahga:

1. Authorizes the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator-Treasurer to sign this resolution evidencing the intent of City of Menahga to be a party to MnWARN; and
2. Clerk-Administrator-Treasurer is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution and a completed membership information form to the Secretary of the Statewide Committee of MnWARN; and
3. City of Menahga agrees to comply with all terms of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Menahga City Council by action of its governing body caused this Resolution to be approved on April 14, 2020.

By: _____
Its Mayor
And: _____
Its Clerk-Administrator-Treasurer

4. Menahga Beach and Park Operations

- General Census with the council was to take it day by day with the updates for COVID-19
- General Census to pull paid ads for the lifeguard positions

K. Unfinished Business

1. Vacate Alley

L. Consideration of Bills

Main Motion: To approve Check Detail Register as presented

Moved by:	Keranen
Seconded by:	Huebner
Action:	Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Liimatta, Andreasen, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None

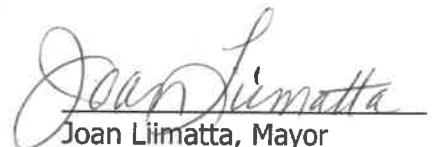
M. Adjourn

Main Motion: To adjourn at 8:07 pm

Moved by:	Andreasen
Seconded by:	Ellingson
Action:	Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote
In favor:	Ellingson, Liimatta, Andreasen, Keranen, Huebner
Opposed:	None


Curtis Kreklau Jr, City Administrator

City of Menahga, Minnesota
Approved: May 12, 2020


Joan Liimatta, Mayor

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