

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY APRIL 1, 2013**

A Special Meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday April 1, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mayor Foss.

Also Present: Council Members Roger Henstorf, Mike Rogers, Alden Yliniemi, Kim Rasmussen and City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Char West.

Members Absent: None

Noted: also present: Stephen Halonen, Jim Kangas, and Clair Erickson (at 8:35a.m.)

Mayor Foss stated that the purpose of the meeting was to take action on the Greenwood Connects Spa Remodeling Project bids and the Greenwood Connections Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2013.

Mayor Foss reported that the options for the completion of the Greenwood Connections Spa Remodeling Project would be to accept the low bid of \$128,900 from JP Structures or complete the Project in-house, as recommended by the Greenwood Connections Board. He pointed out that the cost of completing the Project in-house was not available at this time.

Mayor Foss continued by explaining that the Nursing Home had been completing improvement projects for the past seventeen months and in order to take full advantage of the project reimbursements a total of \$275,000 would need to be spent by October 1, 2013. He pointed out that there still was another \$175,000 more to spend before the Nursing Home would be eligible to receive any reimbursement; the Architect's estimate was

\$160,000, the Greenwood Connections Administrator reported to the Council an estimate of \$150,000, and the contractors low bid was \$128,900.

Mayor Foss recommended looking at the project positively and in order to complete the job at Greenwood Connections, he felt the Council should approve the low bid from JP Structures.

Council discussion was held regarding the concern over the legality of calling for bids, rejecting the bids and then deciding to complete the Project in-house and expressed agreement in awarding the Project to low bidder JP Structures.

Administrator West reported that the City Attorney had advised that it would be acceptable to reject all bids with one of the options being the revision of the specifications to downsize the Project; option two could be to complete the Project in house, but at that time the cost of completing the Project in-house was not available.

Nursing Home Administrator Erickson reported that he had compiled a cost estimate to complete the Spa Remodeling Project in-house which would total \$87,266 plus architectural fees and the cost of the tub, which would potentially exceed the \$100,000 bidding limit.

Greenwood Connections Board Member Jim Kangas questioned Stephen Halonen, JP Structures, whether \$13,000 for contingencies was sufficient.

Mr. Halonen replied that generally this was discussed during the preconstruction meeting with the architect; if the drawings were accurate, then the contingency monies would not be needed, there might still be change orders, but the bid was based on the drawings and specs.

**Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Rogers, to accept the low bid of \$128,900.00 from JP Structures for the construction of the Greenwood Connections Spa Remodeling Project, motion carried.**

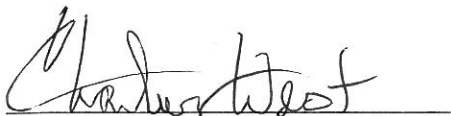
Mayor Foss requested Council action on the March 11, 2013 Greenwood Connections Special Board Meeting minutes relating to the Board's recommendation to purchase the MasterCare Integrity tub.

Council Member Rogers expressed concerned about the tub from a safety stand point; he recommended a recumbent tub with a lift instead of the Master Care Tub.

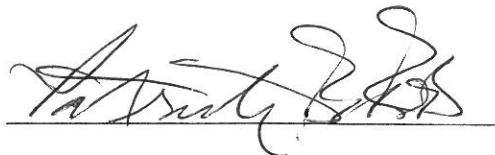
Council discussion was held regarding the difference in function and cost of the two tubs.

**Motion by Henstorf, seconded by Yliniemi, to approve the purchase of the Mastercare Integrity Tub for \$25,648.00, Henstorf, Yliniemi, Rasmussen and Foss aye, Rogers naye, motion carried.**

**Motion by Henstorf, seconded by Rasmussen, to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 9:05 a.m.**



City Administrator



Mayor