

**CITY OF MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 18, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Menominee City Council, City of Menominee, County of Menominee, State of Michigan, was held Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Complex Council Chambers.

The Honorable George W. Krah called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Council Members Fernstrum, Hudon, Mick, Organ, Plemel, Pohlmann, Walker, and Williams; Mayor Krah

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Adam Eickmeyer

PRESENT: 9 ABSENT: 0

A motion was made by Council Member Plemel and seconded by Council Member Williams to add the liquor license transfer for 425 First Street to the agenda and to approve the amended agenda for the meeting. This motion was carried unanimously.

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2011 or the special meeting of March 29, 2011, the minutes of both of the meetings stood approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Krah opened the public comment session on agenda items only.

No one was heard.

A motion was made by Council Member Plemel and seconded by Council Member Williams to close the public comment session. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from the American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars regarding Poppy Days.

A motion was made by Council Member Hudon and seconded by Council Member Organ to declare May 5th, 6th, and 7th as "Official Poppy Distribution Days" in the City of Menominee. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

At a meeting held on April 11, 2011 the Finance Committee reviewed the "Resolution Governing the Purchasing and Contracting Authority of the City Manager" that was adopted by the City Council at its November 16, 2009 meeting, and they recommended to City Council that they rescind adoption of this resolution.

S/FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council Member Organ and seconded by Council Member Hudon to adopt the foregoing report. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Public Safety/Public Works Committee reported that they met on April 13, 2011, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the vacant position of Fire Fighter with the Menominee Fire Department. They recommended extending a conditional offer of employment to Zachary Vonau, with the offer conditioned upon Mr. Vonau successfully completing the Department's physical and mental evaluations.

S/PUBLIC SAFETY/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council Member Organ and seconded by Council Member Fernstrum to adopt the foregoing report. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

At a meeting held on April 11, 2011, the Special Projects/Community Relations Committee reviewed the proposal from the Menominee Area Arts Council to install a track system at the Municipal Complex at their expense and the City assisting with its installation, and they recommended proceeding with the project.

S/SPECIAL PROJECTS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council Member Fernstrum and seconded by Council Member Williams to adopt the foregoing report. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

At a meeting held on April 11, 2011, the Special Projects/Community Relations Committee reviewed the proposal from the Menominee Area Arts Council to display artwork at the Municipal Complex, and they recommended allowing them to use up to all four (4) interior walls.

S/SPECIAL PROJECTS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council Member Williams and seconded by Council Member Fernstrum to adopt the foregoing report. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

At a meeting held on April 11, 2011, the Special Projects/Community Relations Committee reviewed the nominations for the Community Service Awards for 2010 and they recommended that this award be given to Sandy Baron (as an individual); Mike "Cozzy" and Karen Costello, and Patrick "Peach" and Mary Blake (as an organization), and Keith and Barb Killen (as a business).

S/SPECIAL PROJECTS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council Member Hudon and seconded by Council Member Fernstrum to adopt the foregoing report. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

At a meeting held on March 8, 2011, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the 2010 Master Plan for Land Use, and they reported that no comments were heard. The commissioners were recommending to the City Council that they review and act on the Plan.

S/PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Council Member Hudon and seconded by Council Member Organ to adopt the 2010 Master Plan for Land Use.

AYES: Hudon, Krah, Mick, Organ, Plemel, Pohlmann, and Walker
NAYS: Williams
ABSTENTION: Fernstrum

This motion was carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was considered next:

**PROCLAMATION
HEAD START MONTH
April 2010**

WHEREAS, Head Start has been a high quality, comprehensive early childhood education, health and social services program operating locally since the mid 1960's; and

WHEREAS, Head Start emphasizes individualized services and the involvement and leadership of parents in setting goals designed to maximize the successful development of school readiness attributes in each child; and

WHEREAS, Head Start has earned an outstanding reputation as a most successful program that responds to educational and social challenges and has proven effective in reducing future grade retention, delinquency, school dropout, unemployment, and criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Head Start provides GED and literacy tutoring and other services to support the self-sufficiency efforts of low income families; and

WHEREAS, Head Start provides parents with a wealth of information on child development, child guidance strategies and the importance of establishing and maintaining positive parent-child relationships; and

WHEREAS, Head Start is comprised of hundreds of young children and loving families, dedicated staff, outstanding community partners and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The Head Start program, a positive environment where goals are identified and progress is recognized, has had a positive effect on the community through the positive impact on young children and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Menominee City Council do hereby proclaim April 2010 as "HEAD START MONTH" and urge all the citizens of the City of Menominee to support and reflect on the outstanding results of Head Start.

A motion was made by Council Member Fernstrum and seconded by Council Member Williams to adopt the foregoing resolution. This motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Mick and seconded by Council Member Williams to approve payment of the US-41 wastewater project invoices in the amount of \$14,559.48. This motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Fernstrum and seconded by Council Member Mick to approve payment of the US-41 water project invoices in the amount of \$14,585.29. This motion was carried unanimously.

The following resolution was the final item under motions and resolutions:

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Menominee City Council called to order by Mayor George W. Krah on April 18, 2011 at 6 p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Council Member Williams and supported by Council Member Plemel that the request to transfer ownership of 2010 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 425 First, Menominee, MI 49858, Menominee County, from Ebco, Inc. to Bay View Lounge, LLC

be considered for approval.

It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance.

A motion was made by Council Member Williams and seconded by Council Member Plemel to adopt the foregoing resolution. This motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

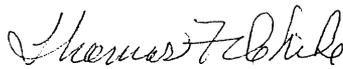
Mayor Krah opened the public comment session.

Ed Smith, 1514-20th Avenue, commented regarding the city manager.

A motion was made by Council Member Plemel and seconded by Council Member Mick to close the public comment session. This motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Council Member Plemel and seconded by Council Member Williams to adjourn the meeting. This motion was carried unanimously.


Thomas F. DeNike, City Clerk/Treasurer

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