

**CITY OF MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 2, 2009**

A special meeting of the Menominee City Council, City of Menominee, County of Menominee, State of Michigan, was held Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Complex Council Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Fernstrum called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Fernstrum, Hudon, Mick, Organ, Pintarelli, Schloegel, and Williams
ABSENT: Councilmember Sorensen and Mayor Krah (both excused)

PRESENT: 7 ABSENT: 2

A motion was made by Councilmember Mick and seconded by Councilmember Williams to excuse Councilmember Sorensen and Mayor Krah from the meeting. This motion was carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Fernstrum opened the special meeting that she called for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

- 1) Pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 2) Public comment on agenda items only.
- 3) Public hearing on submitting a grant application to MSHDA for a rental rehabilitation program.
- 4) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to MSHDA for a rental rehabilitation program.
- 5) The MIDC on a Revolving Fund Loan to the Country Schoolhouse Daycare/Preschool Center/Jennifer and David Hayes.
- 6) The Public Safety/Public Works Committee on engineering services for street projects.
- 7) Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hudon and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda for the meeting dated March 30, 2009. This motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deputy Mayor Fernstrum opened the public comment session.

No one was heard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Hudon to close the public comment session. This motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Deputy Mayor Fernstrum opened the public hearing that was called for the purpose of hearing citizen comments on submitting a grant application to MSHDA for \$375,000 in funds for a rental rehabilitation program.

Harry Ellery said that the target area was set back in 1999. He provided a summary of grant activities from 2003-2009.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hudon and seconded by Councilmember Williams to close the public hearing. This motion was carried unanimously.

The following resolution was presented next:

**RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION OF A
MSHDA HOUSING GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Menominee is interested in the continuing efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities to its low to moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, city staff has prepared an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for funding through the Housing Resource Fund for a targeted rental rehabilitation housing program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Menominee will submit an application for funding to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority in the amount of \$375,000 for a rental rehabilitation housing program and authorizes the Mayor to sign the application on behalf of the City of Menominee.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that Thomas DeNike, City Clerk/Treasurer shall serve as the "Fair Housing Contact Person" and designates the selected housing program administrator to assist with such duties and responsibilities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hudon and seconded by Councilmember Mick to adopt the foregoing resolution. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The MIDC reported that they had reviewed the loan from the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to Jennifer and David Hayes, owners of the Country Schoolhouse Daycare/Preschool Centers, and they recommended that a working capital loan, rather than the previously approved construction loan, in the

amount of \$90,300 be approved, with the term of the loan not to exceed ten years, and an interest rate of prime plus one percent adjusted quarterly according to the index as published by the Wall Street Journal Midwest Edition.

S/ M I D C

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Hudon to adopt the foregoing report. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

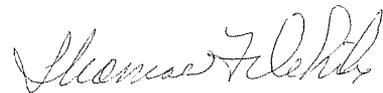
The Public Safety/Public Works Committee reported that they had reviewed a proposed street improvement project for 14th Avenue from 1st to 13th Streets and they recommended waiving the bid process for engineering services and retaining Wilcox Professional Services.

S/PUBLIC SAFETY/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Hudon to adopt the foregoing report. This motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilmember Mick and seconded by Councilmember Hudon to adjourn the meeting. This motion was carried unanimously.



Thomas F. DeNike, City Clerk/Treasurer

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