

**CITY OF MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 18, 2009**

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A regular meeting of the Menominee City Council, City of Menominee, County of Menominee, State of Michigan, was held Monday, May 18, 2009 at 5 p.m. in the Municipal Complex Council Chambers.

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

**PRESENT:** Councilmember's Fernstrum, Hudon, Mick, Organ, Pintarelli, Schlogel, Sorensen, and Williams; Mayor Krahn

**ABSENT:** None

**PRESENT: 9**

**ABSENT: 0**

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Hudon to approve the agenda for the meeting dated May 14, 2009. This motion was carried unanimously.

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the special meeting of April 16, 2009, the regular meeting of April 20, 2009, the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting of April 22, 2009, the special meeting of April 30, 2009, the special meeting of May 4, 2009, or the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting of May 11, 2009, the minutes of all of the meetings stood approved as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Krahn opened the public hearing that was called for hearing citizen comments on proposed M.O.C. 9:2.4(4) - Wintertime Parking Off Street Municipal Parking Lots.

No one was heard.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Krahn opened the public comment session called for the purpose of hearing citizen comments on agenda items only.

No one was heard.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Finance Committee reported that they reviewed the claims for April, 2009 and they recommended that checks be drawn on the treasurer in payment of the bills as follows:

General Fund in the amount of \$255,906.86  
River Park Fund in the amount of \$4,486.25

S/FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Water and Wastewater Utility Board reported that they had reviewed proposed amendments to M.O.C. 10:1.1 – Rates of Charges, and they recommended that City Council adopt the amendments as presented.

S/WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY BOARD

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Organ and seconded by Councilmember Hudon to approve the request from the Menominee Area Arts Council to place a fishing pole sculpture at a location to be determined in Marina Park. This motion was carried unanimously with an abstention by Councilmember Schloegel, who was an officer on the Menominee Area Arts Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Organ and seconded by Councilmember Mick to approve the request from the Menominee Area Arts Council to hold a Frame It Project in the downtown parks in conjunction with the Waterfront Festival. This motion was carried unanimously with an abstention by Councilmember Schloegel, who was an officer on the Menominee Area Arts Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Mick to proceed with the remaining alleyway portion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/2<sup>nd</sup> Street parking lot, at the approximate cost of \$33,250 to the City and to authorize the City Manager to sign an amendment to the grant agreement with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. This motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Fernstrum to adopt M.O.C. 9:2.4(4) – Wintertime Parking Off Street Municipal Parking Lots as amended. This motion was carried unanimously.

The proposed ordinance read as follows:

**TITLE 9:      TRAFFIC**  
**CHAP. 2:      PARKING** **9:2.4**

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**9:2.4 WINTERTIME PARKING (2:30 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.)**  
**(4) OFF STREET MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS.**

The parking of vehicles within the off street parking lots located at Fifth Avenue and Second Street, Sixth Avenue and First Street, Sixth Avenue and Second Street, Ninth Avenue and Second Street, and west of 405 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to April 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year during the hours of 2:30 A.M. to 6:30 A.M. shall be by permit only.

Permits shall be issued upon application to the ~~chief of police~~ Director of Police/Fire Services or his designee and shall be restricted to one-half (1/2) the total number of parking spaces available within each lot as determined by the city code enforcement officer.

Applications for permits shall contain the registered owner of the vehicle, type of vehicle, vehicle registration and telephone number of the owner. Applications for permits may be denied by the ~~chief of police~~ Director of Police/Fire Services or his designee. Anyone denied application may appeal to the Public Safety Committee by corresponding in writing to the city clerk requesting a meeting with the committee.

Permits issued by the city shall be of sufficient size to be clearly visible, numbered in sequence and shall be placed upon a vehicle in such a position which makes it clearly visible.

During the hours of parking in which permits are required, vehicles shall be parked as follows: North and west sides of the lots on even numbered days and south and east side of the lots on odd numbered days.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hudon and seconded by Councilmember Organ to approve a Committee-of-the-Whole structure.

AYES: Williams

NAYS: Hudon, Krah, Mick, Organ, Pintarelli, Schloegel, Sorensen, and Fernstrum

The motion failed to carry.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Krahn opened the public comment session.

Jeff Jones commented on the new lawn meter policy.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Mick said he read an article in the Detroit newspaper regarding State grants increasing employment not retaining jobs; it does not seem that intelligent.

Councilmember Schloegel asked that detailed council comments be included in the minutes. Lights on the Interstate Bridge approach were mistimed. Charges for lawn meters needed to be looked at. Can the utilities be buried on the US-41 project and decorative lights added?

Councilmember Williams said perhaps the City could grow via annexation.

Councilmember Schloegel spoke on the ordinance requiring underground utilities lines, but there may be a cost to the City.

Councilmember Organ asked where the Recreation Director was. He sees reports in newspaper where schools are for the City to cover. One-third of the lights in the Industrial Park are not working. Can they be fixed? Also, why is the price only \$2,000 an acre.

Councilmember Pintarelli said the low price was set to entice industry to locate there.

ADJOURN:

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

  
Thomas F. DeNike, City Clerk/Treasurer