

**CITY OF MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 19, 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, January 19, 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: Councilmembers Hudon, Mick, Organ, Pintarelli, Sorensen, and Williams; Mayor Krahn  
ABSENT: Councilmembers Fernstrum and Schloegel (both excused)

PRESENT: 7                      ABSENT: 2

A motion was made by Councilmember Hudon and seconded by Councilmember Organ to excuse Councilmembers Fernstrum and Schloegel from the meeting. This motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hudon and seconded by Councilmember Williams to add setting a public hearing for the Downtown TIF Plan under motions and resolution and the Personnel and Labor Committee on an assessment services contract under reports of standing committees and to approve the agenda for the meeting dated January 13, 2009 as amended. This motion was carried unanimously.

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2008, the minutes stood approved as presented.

**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 Hudon to close the public comment session. This motion was carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Keith Boye spoke about a young football player who died at practice several years ago and a fundraising effort he undertook to provide defibrillators for area communities. Mr. Boye officially donated defibrillators to the City on behalf of himself, Anchor Coupling, and Tyco/Ansul.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Under reports of officers, Mayor Krah submitted for confirmation the appointment of Dan Saucier to the Water and Wastewater Utility Board, replacing Walter Shier, who resigned, with his term to expire on May 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sorensen and seconded by Councilmember Hudon to confirm the foregoing appointment. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Finance Committee reported that they reviewed the claims for December, 2008 and they recommended that checks be drawn on the treasurer in payment of the bills as follows:

General Fund in the amount of \$470,732.33  
River Park Fund in the amount of \$85.44

S/FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Finance Committee reported that they had reviewed accepting credit card payments and they recommended accepting this type of payment at Riverside Cemetery and also to accept proposals from local banks for these services.

S/FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Parks and Recreation/Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that they had reviewed the letter of interest that was received to purchase the Henes Park caretaker's house property and they recommended to City Council that the property not be sold at this time.

S/PARKS AND RECREATION/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Personnel and Labor Committee reported that they had reviewed the vacant City Assessor's position and they recommended waiving the bid process for consulting assessor services.

S/PERSONNEL AND LABOR COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

At a Personnel and Labor Committee meeting held January 19, 2009 the Committee recommended to City Council the appointment of Jill Schwanz as City Assessor and acceptance of the contract between the City and Mrs. Schwanz as proposed to provide assessment services.

S/PERSONNEL AND LABOR COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Public Safety/Public Works Committee reported that they had reviewed parking concerns in the downtown area and they recommended asking the business owners to contact the Police Department for enforcement of the two hour parking restrictions.

S/PUBLIC SAFETY/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilmember Mick 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 the automated garbage collection concept and they recommended moving forward with this type of pickup and soliciting bids for a truck and containers.

S/PUBLIC SAFETY/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Special Projects/Community Relations Committee reported that they had reviewed the following resolution recognizing Jill Schwanz's service to the City and they recommended that it be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jill Schwanz has worked for the City of Menominee for a total of twenty years and has served as the City Assessor for the past seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, Jill Schwanz's first position was that of Mayor's Secretary from late November, 1980 to January, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Jill Schwanz returned to the City's employ in April, 1990 as the Recreation Director; and

WHEREAS, Jill Schwanz ran as a write-in candidate and was elected to the position of City Assessor in November, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Jill Schwanz was the last elected City Assessor in addition to being the first female assessor for the City; and

WHEREAS, Jill Schwanz resigned her position as City Assessor effective January 2, 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Menominee, by its City Council, recognizes and thanks Jill Schwanz for her many years of service to the City, and congratulates and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

S/SPECIAL PROJECTS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Mick to schedule a public hearing on the Downtown Development Authority's Tax Increment Financing and Downtown Development Area Plan for 5 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2009. This motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Krah opened the public comment session.

No one was heard.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Williams asked about locating programs (federal and state) to encourage development/building and possibly retaining an outside expert to deal only with the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mick and seconded by Councilmember Williams to close the council comments portion of the meeting. This motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

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



Thomas F. DeNike, City Clerk/Treasurer

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