

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – September 20, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Lehmann, Waldhausen, Johnson, Hellquist, Downs, Negard, Meuers

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Lehmann called for any amendments to the agenda. The following item was requested to be added to the Consent Agenda: Travel Authorization for Downs to attend a LMC Regional Meeting in Walker on September 30, 2010. **Motion by Meuers, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 7, 2010 regular meeting, September 7, 2010 BEDA meeting, September 7, 2010 special work session and September 13, 2010 regular work session were presented for approval. Mayor Lehmann noted a couple of minor corrections to the minutes. **Motion by Downs, seconded by Waldhausen, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Downs, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$3,424,436.96
2. Miscellaneous 2010 Business License Renewals
3. 1 day Temporary Consumption & Display Permit – Chamber on 10/12/2010
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5640:** Authorizing a Driveway Easement Application with the State of Minnesota
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5641:** Accepting Conveyance of Land from the North Country Hospital for the Proposed North Country Park
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5642:** Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Rolls, and Establishing a Date for Public Hearing for City Project #10-01 (2010 Street Renewal Project)
7. Travel Authorization – LMC Regional Meeting in Walker on 9/30/2010 - Downs

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Inga Roen, BYAC representative, reported on BYAC activities. She stated that they are considering having the June 7 activities on June 11 as school is still in session.

BSU Student Senate – Michael Meehlhause, Co-President, stated that BSU Administration is finalizing transportation arrangements to the BREC for hockey games. Items they are working on: smoke free campus, students registered to vote, and arranging a debate on campus for the gubernatorial candidates.

PRESENTATION

Minnesota GreenStep City Program

Erika Bailey-Johnson, Sustainability Committee member, stated that the Committee is requesting the City Council to pursue Minnesota GreenStep City recognition. The Committee has determined that this program could provide valuable structure to the Committee's activities and create a more vibrant and healthy community. She introduced Chris Waltz who is the Northwest CERTs (Clean Energy Resources Teams) Coordinator.

Chris Waltz, University of Minnesota-Crookston, stated that he serves a twelve-county area across Northwest Minnesota and it is his role to work with community members and local groups interested in pursuing clean energy projects. Mr. Waltz stated that he will work to

connect the group to technical resources, potential funding sources for projects and potential projects or planning tools.

Mayor Lehmann inquired as to the potential cost to the City if the Council were to adopt the resolution to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program. Mr. Waltz responded that the cost would be determined by the project and the City could proceed at its own pace.

Waldhausen asked if Mr. Waltz’s assistance would be available if the City did not support the resolution. Mr. Waltz stated that his services are available; however, he does serve 12 counties.

Felix stated that the GreenStep website has more information available.

Paul Kivi, BSU Professor & Sustainability Committee member, stated that he believed the GreenStep Program does what the Sustainability Committee is attempting to do and will provide resources to the assist the group.

After discussion, the Council directed staff to bring this topic to a future work session. No action was taken on the resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Street Renewal Project

Gray briefly reviewed the proposed 2011 Street Renewal Project. He stated that the streets this year were selected due to the poor condition of the bituminous surfacing, lack of bituminous surface, poor stormwater surface drainage and the age of the existing underground utility mains. He stated that \$750,000 of federal funds will be used on the upgrades to Minnesota Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 5643: Ordering Feasibility Report for the 2011 Street Renewal Project (City Project 11-01) was offered by Councilmember Hellquist, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Waldhausen was passed by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing – North Central Door

Pursuant to published notice a public hearing was held regarding input on extension of jobs creation goals of the DEED Grant for the benefit of North Central Door. Mayor Lehmann opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5644: Approving the Extension of Jobs Creation Goals of DEED Grant for the Benefit of North Central Door was offered by Councilmember Hellquist, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Downs was passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE repealing Chapter 6, Article III, of the Bemidji City Code relating to animals and poultry was given a first reading.

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding Amending Chapter 26, Article II, entitle Municipal Utilities. Mayor Lehmann opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 26, Article II, entitled Municipal Utilities was given a second reading.

EVENT CENTER UPDATE

Quotes for Miscellaneous Purchases - BREC

Bob LeBarron, Executive Director VenuWorks, reviewed quotes received for the club and concourse televisions, forklift and office furniture for the BREC. He stated that detailed quotes were provided to businesses for consideration for purchase of these items.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Negard, to award the quotes for the following items:

MARCO, Bemidji	Office Furniture	\$47,854.31
Forklifts of North Dakota	2 Forklifts	\$45,582.19
NLFX Professionals, Bemidji	Televisions	\$20,765.36

Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Lehmann, Johnson, Negard, Downs, Waldhausen, Hellquist. Nays: Meuers.

Change Orders

Gerry Domino provided an update on the progress at the event center site noting that the building is 99% complete. The Fire Chief and Building Official will be on site this Wednesday and a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. VenuWorks will move into their offices and the trailers will be moved off site by the end of the week.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Change Orders in the amount of \$83,329.51 for the Event Center project. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Lehmann, Waldhausen, Hellquist, Johnson, Negard, Downs. Nays: Meuers.

CITIZEN NOT ON AGENDA

Eric Poulit, 1017 Minnesota Avenue, stated he and another BSU student are working on a business plan to provide composting. Initially, they would start a pilot program at BSU and perhaps Concordia Language Village.

Felix stated that they should be talking with the City regarding permitting to pick up this waste stream.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, Sept. 27 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Discuss Possible Ordinance regarding Begging, Panhandling, Solicitation
- Monday, Oct. 4 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, Oct. 11 5:30 p.m. Work Session – TBD

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Downs stated that he has met with a group of business owners who expressed concerns about the GBJPB requirements.
- Hellquist reported that he assisted the DDA in getting donated labor from an electrical union for the installation of the lights. He further commented that DDA members expressed concerns about the weeds in sidewalks and along buildings in the downtown area.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, seconded by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk