

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Work Session – May 24, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice, a work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Pro-tem Downs presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Parks & Trails Director Marcia Larson, Public Works Director Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Other Present: Brian Grund – Freeberg & Grund

Liquor License

Murphy reviewed the application stating that the applicants have a lease agreement with the owner of the building located at 128 1st Street South. The Building Department is overseeing any renovations/repairs to the building.

Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the liquor license for the Blue Ox Bar and Grill at 128 1st Street South. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Name

Larson stated that the Parks & Trails Commission in accordance with the Parks Facility Naming Policy recommended that the park be named North Country Park.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Negard, to approve the name for the new park on 30th Street as North Country Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Consultant Services

Larson stated that the City received four proposals in response for an RFP for the final design and construction of the North Country Park project. The proposals were reviewed by a small committee that recommended Freeberg and Grund/TKDA as the consultants for the project. She further stated that in order to accommodate Bemidji Area Tennis Association timeline, the project is moving forward. Larson noted that design and bidding prices are firm and the construction for the project are estimates. Freeberg & Grund estimate the construction services at \$51,920. Construction inspection services are billed directly for the amount of hours required, which vary by the contractor and schedule.

Waldhausen stated that he would like the City to explore utilizing volunteers to keep costs lower, i.e., baseball association. It was noted that the Rotary does several projects in the community utilizing volunteers.

Chattin agreed stating that the City needs a process for working with volunteer groups. Felix stated that he will review bidding laws in that regard.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Waldhausen, to award the contract to Freeberg and Grund and TKDA in the amount of \$70,980 to provide consultant services for the North Country Park project. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Johnson, seconded by Meuers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk