

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting – July 11, 2006

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on July 11, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Downs, Erickson, Markeson, Lehmann, Meuers, Hellquist, Johnson.

Charter Commission Present: Jaclyn Ryder, Chuck Stombaugh, Michael Meuers, Ben Stowe, Rod Witt, Nicholle Bieberdorf, Casey McCarthy. (Paul Richards joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Staff Present: Alan Felix, Kay Murphy-Schuett.

Mayor Lehmann stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed Charter amendments with the Charter Commission. City Council and Charter Commission reviewed and discussed the six (6) proposed ordinances amending the City Charter and the Commissions rationale for changes.

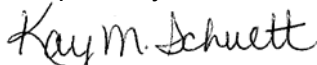
Councilmember Johnson suggested an amendment to the City Manager duties in the Charter which would allow the City Council the ability for example to affirm hiring or removal of department heads. He stated he has checked with the League of Minnesota Cities and other Charter cities in this regard and noted that similar council involvement is permitted by charter. The City Attorney discussed methods to make amendments to the City Charter suggested by Council.

Commission Chair Witt responded that the Charter Commission will consider the amendment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, second by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Murphy-Schuett
City Clerk