

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – April 4, 2011

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, April 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Pro-tem Hellquist presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Waldhausen, Johnson, Hellquist, Negard, Thompson Absent: Larson, Albrecht

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, , Finance Director Ron Eischens, Parks & Recreation Director Marcia Larson, City Clerk Kay Murphy

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Hellquist called for any amendments to the agenda. The following items were requested to be added:

- Travel Authorization – Hellquist & Johnson to Airport Meeting in Grand Rapids, April 13-15
- Presentation regarding the Bemidji Police Reserves
- Consider a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Midway Drive Bridge – Project #08-10

Motion by Negard, seconded by Waldhausen, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 21, 2011 regular meeting and March 28, 2011 special work session were presented for approval. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,487,675.31
2. Claims submitted by the Sanford Center in the total amount of \$93,807.60
3. Miscellaneous 2011 Business License Renewals
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5680:** Accepting Donation from the North Country Snowmobile Club for the DARE Program
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5681:** Designating a State Aid Street – Delton Avenue from 15th Street to TH197
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5682:** Authorizing Joint Powers Agreement with the Mn Department of Natural Resources for the Lake Bemidji Cameron Park Public Water Access
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 5683:** A Joint Resolution of the City of Bemidji, Northern Township, and Bemidji Township Amending the Revised Joint Powers Agreement for the Provision of Planning and Zoning Services
8. Travel Authorization – Mayor Larson to attend Minnesota Mayors Association Conference in Owatonna, April 29-30
9. Travel Authorization – Hellquist & Johnson to attend a Airport Meeting in Grand Rapids, April 13-15

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZEN NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

PRESENTATION

Sgt. Les Plasschaert stated that the Bemidji Police Reserves are students from BSU and Leech Lake Tribal College. The Reserves provide assistance to the Police Department at no cost. Some of the ways they assist are: provide additional security for events at the waterfront, crime prevention, security details, training programs and neighborhood watch programs. Introduction of Police Reserve members were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Inga Roen, BYA representative, provided an update on recent BYA activities. Work continues on the June 7 Youth Day event. She stated that the Commission supports the City's Parks & Trails Commission recent policy of no tobacco products in City parks.

BSU Student Senate – Michael Meehlhause, Co-Chair, stated that Senate members recently attended a lobbying session at the Capital. New Senate Co-chairs have been elected and will be at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**North Central Door – Deed Grant**

Eischens stated that in 2007 the City received a grant in the amount of \$148,000 to offset costs of capital improvements made to property owned by North Central Door. Due to economic conditions and reduced construction activity over the last two years, North Central Door has not had a need to increase staff. In 2010, the City and North Central Door supported extending the grant period to March 31, 2011. This extension has now expired and North Central Door is requesting an additional one year extension. If the grant is not extended the City will be required to repay the grant to DEED and assess the costs to North Central Door. DEED has expressed a willingness to consider another extension.

Pursuant to published notice, a public hearing was held regarding input on Extension of Jobs Creation Goals of Deed Grant for the Benefit of North Central Door. Mayor Pro-tem Hellquist opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5684: Approving the Extension of Jobs Creation Goals of Deed Grant for Benefit of North Central Door was offered by Councilmember Thompson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Johnson was passed by unanimous vote.

Joint Planning Board Committees

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, appointing Waldhausen to the JPB Rental Registration/Inspection Committee and Negard to the JPB Animal Control Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Midway Drive Bridge

Chattin stated that the City of Bemidji was selected by the MnDOT Area Transportation Partnership to receive funding the amount of \$160,000 in 2010. The total estimated project is \$350,000 leaving an unfunded local share of \$190,000. City staff have been working with MnDOT to find additional funding to offset the local share of the project while at the same time completing the project plans along with federal environmental documentation. City Engineer Gray received a call from the local MnDOT Engineer that they have agreed to allocate an additional \$60,000 of Federal ATP funds to this project. The City's share is reduced to \$130,000.

Eischens recommended that the Council utilize 2011 unallocated liquor store funds for the City's share.

Marcia Larson stated that the City has also submitted an application for Legacy funds for the City's share and will be notified sometime this summer.

RESOLUTION NO. 5685: Ordering Improvement, Approving Plans and Specifications, and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids on Midway Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Improvement Project (#08-10) was offered by Councilmember Negard, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Johnson was passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

Felix stated that the Sanford Center Operator, VenuWorks, has requested that the City Council consider prohibiting skateboarding, roller skating and rollerblading on the Sanford Center property in order to preserve the exterior surfaces of the Center's sidewalks, plaza and landscaping improvements.

AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 24, Sec. 24-52 regarding Use of skateboards, roller skates and roller blades prohibiting the use on the City of Bemidji's Sanford Center property was given a first reading.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, stated that the Library Board will be reviewing the proposed guidelines regarding behavior at the Library at their next meeting. Ericsson reviewed upcoming library events.

Felix stated that he has reviewed the proposed guidelines and found them to be well thought out.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Thursday, April 7 5:15 p.m. Special BEDA Meeting
- Monday, April 11 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Year 2010 Financial Review
- Tuesday, April 12 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting - Shared Fire Services Consultant
- Monday, April 18 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, April 25 5:30 p.m. Special Work Session – StrengthsFinder
- Wednesday, April 27 5:30 p.m. Special Work Session – QNI

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members and staff reviewed current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Negard, seconded by Waldhausen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk