

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – March 5, 2007

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, March 5, 2007 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, Markeson, Hellquist, Johnson, Erickson, Downs, Meuers.

#### AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Lehmann called for any amendments to the agenda. The following additions were requested:

- Change to Resolution #8 adding staggered terms for Joint Planning Commission Members
- Authorize Travel – March 9 – Allerus Center in Grand Forks, ND – Johnson & Erickson
- Authorize Travel – League of Mn Legislative Day – March 28 – Johnson
- Authorize Council Travel for Legislative purposes

Motion by Downs, second by Meuers, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the February 21, 2007 regular meeting and February 12, 2007 work session were presented for approval. Motion by Erickson, second by Hellquist, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approved Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$139,384.77.
2. Approved miscellaneous business licenses.
3. Approved Temporary On-Sale Liquor License:
  - Northwest Minnesota Foundation – May 3, 2007 @ Beaux Arts Ballroom, BSU
4. Approved Consumption & Display Permit Renewal: Holiday Inn Express
5. Approved **RESOLUTION NO. 5394** Approving Site for the 2007 Fishing Has No Boundaries Event
6. Approved Purchase of a 2007 ½ Ton Truck – Parks Department
7. Approved Appointment of Amy Rutten to the HRA Board
8. Approved **RESOLUTION NO. 5395** Appointing City Members to the Joint Planning Commission with staggered terms added
9. Authorized Council Travel – March 9 – Allerus Center in Grand Forks, ND – Johnson & Erickson
10. Authorized Council Travel – League of Mn Legislative Day – March 28 – Johnson
11. Authorized Council Travel for Legislative purposes

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission

Leslie Rith-Najarian, Bemidji Youth Commission, reviewed proposed by-laws amendments with the City Council. She stated at the beginning of the year they appointed a committee to review the by-laws. Council discussed the process for selecting new or re-electing commission members. Erickson asked what the qualifications are for individuals to be members. Leslie stated that an application with questions is given to the individual and the committee reviews the application looking at prior experience. Downs suggested that the wording be changed from re-election to re-selection for the application process. Leslie will review the recommended change with the Commission and bring it back to the next City Council meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS****Jaycees Annual Water Carnival**

Karen Ganetta and Crystal Hegg, Co-chairs for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Water Carnival, stated that the funds raised from the annual Water Carnival will be donated to approximately 20 organizations in our community. Some of the organizations are the Bemidji Fire Department, Evergreen Youth, Toys for Tots, and they are taking more requests. Johnson suggested that the area where the “rides” were could be used to re-locate some of the rides. Mayor Lehmann recommended that the Jaycees work with the Parks Department.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5396:** Approving the Use of the Waterfront for the Jaycees 2007 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration was offered by Councilmember Hellquist, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Markeson, was passed by unanimous vote.

**Dragon Boat Festival**

**RESOLUTION NO. 5397:** Approving the Use of the Waterfront for the 2007 Dragon Boat Festival was offered by Councilmember Markeson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Downs, was passed by unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 12, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES,** AN ORDINANCE Amending the Council-Manager Charter Section 7.08 (Alterations in the Budget) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**CITIZEN NOT ON AGENDA**

- Introduction of the Bemidji Branch Library Manager, Paul Ericsson, was made.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- March 7            5:15 p.m.        Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board
- March 12        5:30 p.m.        Work Session – Diamond Point Park
- March 19        7:00 p.m.        City Council Meeting

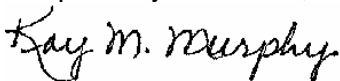
**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Chattin reported that Lehmann, Carlson, and he recently testified regarding the sales tax extension. Met with Leo A. Daly staff on the event center and worked out some of the programming for the event center. He stated that he will be going with Task Force to Allerus Center.
- Lehmann signed the Proclamation recognizing March as Minnesota Food Share month and encouraged everyone to visit their location.
- Erickson stated that two honorees, Marilyn Heltzer and Neen Lillquist, were recognized at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Minnesota Women’s Hall of Fame Induction held at BSU on March 3 for their contributions to Bemidji. Erickson will be attending a neighborhood meeting on Thursday, March 8 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street project. She expressed concerns on the stormwater policy as she felt that it was an undue burden and would like the Public Works Committee to revisit the issue.
- Hellquist reported that the Public Works Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. on March 14.
- Markeson reported that he attended the reception by Leo A. Daly. Attended a JEDC meeting and heard about the economic growth in our community.
- Downs stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission reviewed the Nymore Warming House plans and they are very nice. It will be a multi-use/year round facility.
- Meuers stated that she would like to see some sort of welcome home for the National Guard unit.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, second by Downs, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk

