

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

February 3, 2003

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, February 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Council members were declared present: Hellquist, Meuers, Lehmann, Johnson, Erickson, Zachman. Absent: Downs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 21, 2003 Regular Council meeting were presented. There being no additions or corrections noted, motion by Meuers, second by Johnson, to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Lehmann called for any amendments to the agenda. Motion by Zachman, second by Hellquist, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Johnson, second by Hellquist, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Erickson, Zachman, Lehmann, Meuers, Hellquist, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: Downs.

- (A) Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses
- (B) Claims in the total amount of \$621,623.68
- (C) MacNeil Environmental Safety Contract – one year 1/1/03 – 12/31/03
- (D) Police Sergeants Labor Agreement – one year 1/1/03 – 12/31/03
- (E) Planning Case #2003-01 – Zoning Amendment – Auto Sales, Rental & Service
- (F) Planning Case #2003-02 – Zoning Amendment – Advertising Banners

BEMIDJI YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT

Mike Stimple reported that the "Listening Lunches" at the High School are underway. He invited Councilmembers to participate at an upcoming session. The public was invited to the Youth Advisory Commission Open Forum which will be held at the Headwaters School of Music on February 18th from 7-9pm. Stimple presented a copy of a letter of support from the Youth Advisory Commission for the local sales tax initiative for parks and trails development. He also invited City Council members to meet with the Youth Advisory Commission at their regular meeting on Sunday, February 16th – pizza and beverage will be provided.

BSU STUDENT SENATE REPORT

No Report.

PRESENTATION BY JAYCEES – 2003 Water Carnival

Tanya Sandbo and Jana Wackerfuss presented a request to use the Lake Bemidji waterfront area, from Library Park to the Jaycee Pavillion, for the 59th Annual Bemidji Jaycees Water Carnival to be held July 2 through July 6, 2003. Included in the request was authorization to use Nymore Beach on July 4th for the fireworks, and the area behind the Union Station for camping to accommodate the carnival workers. The Jaycees propose putting the large tent up on Friday, June 27th so the Fishing Has No Boundaries Program can use it June 28 – June 29 for their annual event.

Motion by Erickson, second by Meuers, to authorize use of the waterfront and associated areas as requested for the 59th Annual Bemidji Jaycees Water Carnival. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS & QUOTES: Paver Replacement in Downtown Area

Two bids were received as follows for installation of replacement sidewalk paver bricks in the downtown area:

The Finishing Touch, Bagley, MN	\$2.00/sq. ft.
Lundmark Construction Co., Bemidji, MN	\$2.04/sq. ft.

Public Works Director Andy Mack recommended acceptance of the low bid. Motion by Erickson, second by Hellquist, to accept the low bid from the Finishing Touch in the amount of \$2.00/sq. ft. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS & QUOTES: Replacement Squad Cars

Four bids were received as follows for three (3) replacement squad cars:

Nelson Dodge, Fergus Falls, MN	\$56,229.00
Dondelinger Chevrolet, Bemidji, MN	\$56,700.00
Bemidji Chrysler Center, Bemidji, MN	\$57,921.00
Bob Lowth Ford, Bemidji, MN	\$65,736.00

Staff recommended acceptance of the low bid from Nelson Dodge. Craig Knutson of Bemidji Chrysler Center addressed the Council noting that they, as the local dealership, were prepared to match the low bid from Nelson Dodge. City Attorney Felix advised that sealed bids were solicited and received in accordance with the competitive bidding process and advised the Council to reject the local dealer's offer to match the low bidder. Motion by Zachman, second by Hellquist, to accept the low bid from Nelson Dodge of Fergus Falls in the amount of \$56,229.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS & QUOTES: Wellhouse Modifications

Nine bids were received as follows for Wellhouse 5/6 modifications:

EnComm Midwest, Inc., Isanti, MN	\$136,631
Rice Lake Contracting, Deerwood, MN	\$139,806
KHC Construction, Inc., Marshall, MN	\$140,900
Magney Construction, Inc., Chanhassen, MN	\$141,800
Christiansen Industrial Developers, Inc., Bemidji, MN	\$147,000
PKG Contracting, Inc., Fargo, ND	\$149,669
Moorhead Construction Co., Inc., Moorhead, MN	\$158,168
Construction Engineers, Ltd., Grand Forks, ND	\$165,165
I.C.S. Inc., Grand Forks, ND	\$173,600

After reviewing the bids and checking contractor's references, Barr Engineering recommended acceptance of the low bid from EnComm Midwest, Inc. Motion by Erickson, second by Zachman, to accept the low bid from EnComm Midwest, Inc. in the amount of \$136,631.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORT ON SALES TAX INITIATIVE: Joe Vene, Coordinator

Joe Vene provided an update on the Local Sales Tax Initiative. He noted that he received wide spread support from legislators during his recent visit to St. Paul. He further noted that legislative hearings are likely to start as early as the week of February 10th.

RESOLUTION No. 5030: A RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT TO OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARK AND TRAIL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY LOCAL SALES TAX was offered by Councilmember Erickson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Johnson, was passed by the following vote: Ayes: Hellquist, Johnson, Meuers, Zachman, Lehmann, Erickson. Nays: None. Absent: Downs.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

Councilmembers discussed the frequency of work sessions and agreed to hold one regular work session per month, on the 2nd Monday, at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6 OF THE CITY OF BEMIDJI ZONING CODE Pertaining to automobile sales, rental & service in the B-2 Zone (Planning Case #2003-01) was given a first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF THE CITY OF BEMIDJI ZONING CODE Pertaining to promotional or advertising banners displayed in commercially or industrially zoned areas (Planning Case #2003-02) was given a first reading.

REPORTS – STAFF/COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2003 Work Session End of Year Update

ADJOURN

There being no further business presented for discussion, motion by Hellquist, second by Meuers, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Sherman, City Clerk