

# **CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

## **BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

### **Regular Meeting – November 3, 2008**

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, November 3, 2008 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, Johnson, Erickson, Downs, Meuers, Markeson, Hellquist

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, City Engineer Craig Gray, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Clerk Kay Murphy

#### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

Mayor Lehmann called for any amendments to the agenda. Motion by Meuers, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 20, 2008 regular meeting and October 27, 2008 work session were presented for approval. Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Downs, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approved Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,088,292.00
2. Approved miscellaneous business licenses for 2009
3. Approved Rejection of Bids for Irving Access Loop SW – City Project 05-01
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5522:** Ordering Report on 2009 Street Renewal Project
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5523:** Approving Speed Limit Change for Tyler Avenue
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5524:** Repair or Remove Structure Located at 423 Beltrami Avenue NW (also known as “Q” building)
7. Approved Downtown Building Rental Rehab Project No. 417-107
8. Approved Building Lease with Magnuson – Fire Department Substation
9. Approved Appointment to the Joint Planning Commission – Genevieve Lowry
10. Authorized Travel – CGMC Fall Conference – 11/20-11/21/08 – Johnson

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Stephen Bucher, BYA representative, reported that the Commission continues to work on placing youth representatives on different community boards. He stated that Commission members are supporting the \$501 referendum for the School. The Commission held a Listening Lunch at Trek North which was well attended. Upcoming events include: Dunn Bros. and Boys & Girls Club.

BSU Student Senate – Ryan Schwingler, Senate Co-President, stated that the Senate has been notified that BSU intends to cut the BSU Track program due to finances. He stated that the funding for the track team is not related to the hockey team. Schwingler stated that there is high interest in saving the track program and the Senate will be responding to the administration. The Senate passed a bill recommending that BSU go “tray-less” in the cafeteria. By going tray-less, it will decrease the water usage and the amount of wasted food. He commented that they will be using bio-degradable trays for take out. The Senate has been working on making students aware of voting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Birchmont Drive Project (Parcel No. 80.00463.00)

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Downs, to cancel the public hearing for Parcel No. 80.00463.00 (Birchmont Drive Program – Schwartz). Motion carried unanimously.**

Bemidji Avenue Project No. 08-02

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding the Assessment Roll for City Project No. 08-02 (Bemidji Avenue). Mayor Lehmann opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5525: Adopting Assessment Roll for City Project No. 08-02 (Bemidji Avenue) was offered by Councilmember Markeson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Meuers was passed by unanimous vote.**

**ORDINANCES**

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding the Amending the City Fee Schedule for 2009. Mayor Lehmann opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

- **AN ORDINANCE** Amending the City Fee Schedule for 2009 was given a second reading.

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding Amending Chapter 16, Article II of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Fire Code. Mayor Lehmann opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

- **AN ORDINANCE** Amending Chapter 16, Article II of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Fire Code was given a second reading.

**LIBRARIAN REPORT**

Paul Ericsson, Librarian, highlighted two resources which are available from the internet for genealogy research. The library subscribes to a product, Ancestry Plus, which is accessible for residents from the library. Other upcoming library events are the lunch time series indoor winter gardening, genealogy program and taste of travel series.

**EVENT CENTER UPDATE**

The Council received a written update from Leo A Daly.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Thursday, November 6 5:30 p.m. Canvassing Board – General Election
- Thursday, November 6 5:40 p.m. Special Work Session–Leo A Daly/Event Center
- Monday, November 10 5:30 p.m. Work Session – TBD
- Monday, November 17 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, November 24 5:30 p.m. Work Session–TH197/Hwy Access Mgmt Study

**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Markeson reported that he has been attending meetings regarding “Shared Visions”. They are exploring ways for groups to work together in our community.
- Meuers reported that Ours to Serve House of Hospitality received a \$1 million grant.
- Hellquist stated he attended his first Boys & Girls Club meeting. DDA meets this week.
- Gray reported that staff continues to meet with Northern Township regarding the Birchmont Drive Project.
- Chattin stated that there have been a couple of meetings with KRL regarding the Master Agreement which is being rewritten. That amended agreement will be approved by the KRL Board sometime before the end of the year and then come to the City for their consideration. Leo A Daly will be here this week to meet with staff and Council.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Markeson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk