

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Work Session – June 26, 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 June 26, 2006, at 12:00 noon in the Commissioner's Board Room at the Beltrami County Administration Building, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

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

Others Present: Donna Anderson, Russ Hiltz, Ron Eischens, Kay Murphy-Schuett

Rural Fire Contract and Tanker Lease

Mayor Lehmann stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider approving the Rural Fire Contract and Tanker Lease Agreement

Eischens stated that the City has been negotiating with the Rural Fire Association since last November. Since then both parties have come to an agreement on final terms and language. This contract significantly changes how fire department operational and equipment needs are funded. An allocation formula based on fire calls, population and building value is used to determine allocation of these costs. In addition, a Long Range Planning Committee, consisting of Rural and City representatives, will be established to make recommendations on budgets, equipment, sub-station and other fire department.

Erickson questioned the phasing in of the rural fire contract amount.

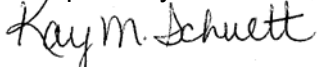
Donna Anderson, Secretary for Rural Fire Association, responded that townships have already levied for 2006 and 2007. Therefore, there is no way to increase the payment as there is no money available at the townships.

Motion by Downs, second by Johnson, to approve the Rural Fire Contract and lease agreement for 2005 Tanker truck. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Erickson, second by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Murphy-Schuett
City Clerk