

# **CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

## **BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

### **Special Meeting – April 30, 2007**

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, April 30, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

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

Staff Present: John Chattin, Alan Felix, Dan Haluptzok, Andy Mack, Brian Freeberg, Kay Murphy

Others Present: Jim Metcalfe, John Graves, Dick Rude, Dave Smith

Mayor Lehmann stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and act upon the construction of a new Public Works Facility and Nymore Warming House. Lehmann added to the agenda a request from the Police Department for the purchase of three digital Ally Mobile Recording Systems for the three new 2007 squad cars.

#### **Public Works Facility**

Mayor Lehmann reviewed the bids on the Public Works Facility and noted that they came in lower than anticipated. City Engineer Freeberg stated that the five bids were close together which indicates all bidders were looking at the same project. Discussion continued on installing a new chain link fence versus using the fence located at the Rako Street property. Consensus of the Council was to add a new chain link fence to the project. The project will start within a couple weeks and is anticipated to be completed by December.

**Motion by Meuers, second by Johnson, to award a contract for construction of the Public Works Facility to Kraus-Anderson Construction Company in the amount of \$6,487,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Nymore Warming House**

Mayor Lehmann stated that seven bids were received for construction of a new Nymore Warming House.

Parks Superintendent Haluptzok briefly reviewed the plans for a new Nymore Warming House. He noted that the structure will be concrete inside and out and will be low maintenance. It is the intent to have this facility used during the summer months by the community. In addition, the design will allow access to the bathrooms for summer use. The project is anticipated to start on May 15 and completed by September 15.

Dave Smith, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission, noted that \$280,000 in improvements have been budgeted for the Nymore Park. The Commission will be looking at upgrades to playground equipment and other improvements to the park.

**Motion by Downs, second by Erickson, awarding the contract for construction of the Nymore Warming House to J.P. Structures, Inc. of Menahga in the amount of \$171,900. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Digital Ally Mobile Recording Systems**

**Motion by Meuers, second by Johnson, authorizing staff to purchase three Digital Ally Video Recording Systems for the three new squad cars in the amount of \$12,075. Council directed staff to report back to them on how these recorders were funded. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Presentation – Overhead Line Project**

John Graves, MinnKota Power, gave a presentation on a proposed overhead line project which would add a 230 kV power line from Grand Rapids to Bemidji. He stated that the

power companies foresee a potential problem in the future based on the communities current growth rate. Bemidji is growing at a rate of 2.5% annually. Increasing transmission capacity will provide a reliable and affordable supply of electricity to Bemidji. Currently, the power companies are doing what they can without adding a transmission line.

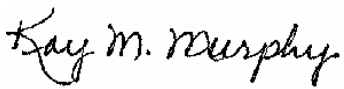
Mayor Lehmann asked what the potential impact of a route would have on the City of Bemidji. Mr. Graves responded that there are no negative impacts to the City at this time as it is mostly outside City limits.

Chattin asked if there were any impacts to the Bemidji Airport. Mr. Graves responded that he has met with the Airport Manager and they do not foresee any problems. The proposed line is 2 miles southwest of the airport.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Johnson, second by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk