

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – November 15, 2010

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 15, 2010 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, Waldhausen, Johnson, Hellquist, Downs, Negard, Meuers

Staff Present: City Manager John Chatten, 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 November 1, 2010 regular meeting, November 8, 2010 canvassing board and November 8, 2010 work session were presented for approval. **Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Waldhausen, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,961,794.11
2. Miscellaneous 2011 Business License Renewals
3. Residential Curbside Recyclable Agreement with Plendl Environmental
4. Budget Modification No. 3
5. Change Order No. 1 – City Park Phase Three Construction
6. Awarded Bid to Quality Flow for Lift Station Refurbishment in the amount of \$27,985

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Lily Hellquist, BYA representative, stated that the Commission is working on a teen event to be held on February 11 at the Boys & Girls Club. Discussion continued regarding BYA Commission reps to attend Bemidji Day at the Capitol.

BSU Student Senate – Michael Meehlhause, Co-Chair, provided an update on recent Student Senate activities.

#### **ORDINANCES**

**AN ORDINANCE** Amending Chapter 4 of the Bemidji City Code entitled, “Alcoholic Beverages” by amending the provisions relating to permissible hours and days of sale of Liquor, 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor (Beer), and Wine was given a first reading.

#### Animal Ordinance

Mayor Lehmann re-opened the Public Hearing regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Article III, of the Bemidji City Code relating to Animals and Poultry at 7:05 p.m.

John Wilder stated he did not have an opportunity to review the revisions to the proposed ordinance.

Felix reviewed the proposed changes to the Ordinance relating to animals and poultry. Felix stated that the Joint Planning Board recently amended the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance, to identify zoning districts where keeping of animals, including chickens, is a permitted use. He stated that while the JPB deals with the licensing aspect, they are not staffed to enforce complaints. Therefore, the draft presented for the Council's consideration includes amendments that allow the City to deal with enforcement concerns and, in particular, situations that may be deemed as nuisances.

**Motion by Meuers, seconded by Waldhausen, to continue the Public Hearing of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Article III, of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Animals and Poultry until the December 6, 2010 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 60, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Adopting an Amended City Fee Schedule for 2011 was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.**

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Downs, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 60, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

No one appeared.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Monday, Dec. 6            7:00 p.m.            Council Meeting
  - Truth In Taxation Hearing
- Monday, Dec. 13        5:30 p.m.            Work Session – Manager’s Performance Review
- Monday, Dec. 20        7:00 p.m.            Council Meeting

**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

**ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk