

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Regular Meeting – March 6, 2006

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, March 6, 2006 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, Markeson, Hellquist, Johnson, Erickson, Downs, Meuers.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 21 regular meeting and February 27, 2006 work session were presented for approval. Motion by Erickson, second 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 Downs, second by Meuers, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

1. Approved Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$59,030.64.
2. Approved annual permit/license renewals.
3. Approved gambling license – Raffle – Bemidji Eagles – May 11, 2006.
4. Authorized Council travel – CGMC Action Day – March 8 – Downs, Lehmann and Markeson.
5. Authorized Council travel – Bemidji Capital Day/Legislative – March 28-30 – Johnson.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION

Chief Preece presented Officers Mike Mastin and Paul Parthun with certificates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) honoring them for their commitment to enforcing seat belt laws. The Bemidji Police Department was one of several agencies in the country that received a grant from the NHTSA to boost seat belt enforcement during the campaign.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Jordan Marshall – Planning June 7 Youth Advisory Day. Mr. Marshall reported that the Youth Forum held recently was not well attended. Mayor Lehmann commented that perhaps it was a poor night selection.

NEW BUSINESS

Interest Based Bargaining – Lehmann suggested that the Council forego any serious discussion until the Council meets with the labor consultant. Council concurred.

ORDINANCES

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Bemidji City Code by Repealing Sections 13.570 through 13.587 Relating to Industrial Zone Classifications, and Adding New Sections 13.570 through 13.581, Entitled “Division 13. I-1 Industrial Park/Light Industrial District” and “Division 14. I-2 General Industrial District” was given a first reading.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map Adopted in Chapter 13, Section 13.08 of the Bemidji City Code (Pertaining to Planning Case #2006-01) was given a first reading.

An Ordinance Amending Section 2.09, pertaining to City Council Salary was given a first reading.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 9 – 6-8 p.m. - Open House – Diamond Point Park
- March 13 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session - 2005 Year End Budget Summary; 2006 Construction Projects
- March 21 – 5:30 p.m. – Special Work Session – HRDC – Rako Street Improvement
- March 27 – 5:30 p.m. – Special Work Session – Labor Strategy

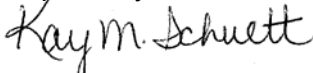
COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Minke visited the Boys & Girls Club and had a tour of the facility. Minke provided an overview of the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota Bi-Annual Conference he attended on March 3 and 4.
- Meuers reported that an event for the Olympic Curling teams will start at 1:30 p.m. on March 12 at the Tourist Information Center.
- Mayor Lehmann welcomed the teams for the National Curling Championships. Lehmann stated he and Markeson met recently with BSU Student Senate.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, second by Meuers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Murphy-Schuett
City Clerk