

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – October 4, 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, October 4, 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. The following item was requested to be added to the Consent Agenda: Travel Authorization for CGMC Fall Conference in Alexandria (11/10-11/12) for Councilor Johnson. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the September 20, 2010 regular meeting and September 27, 2010 work session were presented for approval. **Motion by Negard, 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 Meuers, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$793,987.67
2. Appointed Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop Public Art Policies
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 5645:** Adopting Assessment Roll for Delinquent Utility Accounts Reflecting Costs for Services Provided During the Year 2010
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5646:** Accepting Donation - \$1,000 from Enbridge Energy Company for the purchase of firefighting foam
5. Purchase of two 4x4 pick-up trucks (1/2-ton Nelson Auto \$24,196.16 and 1-ton Bob Lowth Ford - \$22,098) – Public Works Department
6. Travel Authorization – CGMC Fall Conference in Alexandria November 10-12 - Johnson

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Inga Roen, BYAC representative, reported on BYAC activities. She stated that a “Listening Lunch” will be held this week at both the High School and Trek North where they will discuss what students want to see at the February Boys & Girls Club event and at the June 7 event.

BSU Student Senate – Michael Meehlhause, Co-President, stated that the gubernatorial debate plans fell through but other debates for local and state races are being planned. He reported that they continue to work on assisting students with pre-registering for the November 2 general election. Other items they are working on include: collection of Box Tops for education for local elementary schools, October 16 Beaver Service Day and opening of the BREC.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding Costs Associated with Lot Maintenance and Other Miscellaneous Work done by the City on Private Property in 2010. Mayor Lehmann opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5647: Adopting Assessment Roll for Costs Associated with Lot Maintenance and Other Miscellaneous Work done by the City on Private Property in 2010 was offered by Councilmember Johnson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Hellquist was passed by unanimous vote.**

**ORDINANCES**

**AN ORDINANCE** Amending Chapter 18, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by Adding Sec. 18-35 – Aggressive Solicitation was given a first reading.

Felix stated that due to time constraints staff has been unable to review the impact of the new Joint Planning Board’s ordinance provisions regulating “farm animals” as an agricultural use in various zoning districts. Staff has not been able to formulate modifications to the “animal and poultry” licensing provisions in time for consideration tonight’s meeting. Therefore, staff is requesting that the second reading and public hearing be continued until November 15, 2010.

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Waldhausen, to continue the Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 6, Article III, of the Bemidji City Code relating to animals and poultry until the November 15, 2010 City Council’s regular meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 58, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 26, Article II, entitled Municipal Utilities was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, stated that another service that the Library provides is early literacy. The library provides programs for children 3-5 years of age which prepares children for school.

**CITIZEN NOT ON AGENDA**

No one appeared.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, Oct. 5                      5:30 p.m.                      Special Work Session Continue discussion with HRDC regarding proposal for marketing and development of South Shore
- Monday, Oct. 11                      5:30 p.m.                      Work Session – TBD
- Monday, Oct. 18                      7:00 p.m.                      Council Meeting
- Monday, Oct. 25                      5:30 p.m.                      Work Session – TBD

**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Council members provided updates on current events and upcoming meetings.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Downs, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk