

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Lehmann noted that the July 14th Work Session minutes were not included in the packet and should be removed from the agenda. Lehmann called for any other amendments or additions to the agenda. Council member Johnson requested addition of an item relating to use of public vehicles for personal purpose. Motion by Meuers, second by Hellquist to add the requested item and approve the agenda as amended. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 7, 2003 Regular Council meeting were presented. There being no additions or corrections noted, motion by Erickson, second by Downs, to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Downs, second by Johnson, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Hellquist, Meuers, Lehmann, Johnson, Downs, Erickson, Zachman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- Approved RESOLUTION NO. 5068, designating a percentage of the revenues from Paul Bunyan Amusement Park to the Jaycees for the 2003 July 4th Celebration
- Approved thirteen (13) pages of claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$885,792.43.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission

Indira Phukan reported that five new members were recently accepted as commission members to replace members who are leaving. Members will elect new officers at their next meeting on Wednesday, July 23. She also noted that two members of the BYAC will serve on a local youth panel in August, and some of the members will be traveling to Duluth for a few days for some R & R and to meet with the Duluth Youth Council to exchange information.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Orderly Annexation Agreement with Bemidji Township

Councilmembers were provided a copy of a proposed agreement with Bemidji Township for annexation of the "Lost 40" to the corporate limits of the City of Bemidji. The terms and conditions were drafted in accordance with discussions between the city and township during the mediation session held on Thursday, June 26, 2003. Motion by Erickson, second by Johnson, to approve the proposed Orderly Annexation Agreement. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Downs, Erickson, Zachman, Lehmann, Meuers, Hellquist, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Cedar Lake Sewer Extension Project

Five bids were received as follows for the Cedar Lane Sewer Extension project:

Christiansen Industrial Developers, Inc.	\$319,641.25
Johnson Construction Co.	\$323,165.25
Gladen Construction, Inc.	\$360,148.50
Young Excavating, Inc.	\$391,138.60
Mark Sand & Gravel Co.	\$477,777.00

City Engineer Freeberg recommended acceptance of the low bid from Christiansen Industrial Developers. Council adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 5069: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWER TO CEDAR LANE was offered by Councilmember Downs, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Hellquist, was passed by the following vote: Ayes: Johnson, Hellquist, Meuers, Lehmann, Zachman, Erickson, Downs. Nays; None. Absent: None.

Use of public vehicles for personal purpose

Councilmember Johnson inquired about city policy regarding the use of city vehicles for personal use. He noted that on July 7th Representative Doug Fuller was driving a Fire Department vehicle in the parade while he was wearing a T-shirt advertising his political status. Johnson noted that a number of young people were also riding the vehicle wearing the same attire. During discussion, Councilmembers agreed that anyone using a city vehicle should dress in attire that promotes the city (Police, Fire, etc.). An issue was raised regarding city liability for other riders in the vehicle. City Manager Minke was directed to follow up with the City's insurance to determine whether there are liability issues that we should be addressing.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE BEMIDJI CITY CODE ENTITLED, "BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSING AND REGULATION" BY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERMISSIBLE HOURS AND DAYS OF BEER AND LIQUOR SALES, AND BY ADDING A PROVISION PROHIBITING THE OFF-SALE OF MALT LIQUOR PRODUCED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES OF A BREWER LICENSED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES §340A.301, SUBD. 6(d) was given a first reading.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 28,2003	5:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session (Liquor & Utility Funds)
August 11,2003	5:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session (General & All Other Funds)

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Lehmann noted that the Blandin Foundation will conduct a Community Leadership Training this Fall and encouraged interested citizens to submit an application.

Council member Johnson requested travel reimbursement to attend the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities summer conference on July 23-25 in Fergus Falls. Motion by Zachman, second by Hellquist to approve travel and per diem for Council member Johnson to attend the meeting as requested. All voted Aye. Motion carried. It was noted that Manager Minke will also attend the Thursday portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Meuers noted that the Boy's and Girl's Club is awaiting the outcome of the School Board meeting to determine the old high school reuse. If the outcome is positive, the Boy's and Girl's Club will occupy a portion of the building.

Councilmember Downs reported on the July 10th Trail Meeting, noting that MN/DOT proposed a crossing at Hwy. 197 at grade. Consensus - support if this presents safety issues they will support the overpass

Council member Erickson requested further discussion on the deer problem in Ward 5, noting that Steve Caron had suggested forming a citizens committee to proceed with further discussion. Motion by Erickson, second by Zachman, to establish a citizens committee consisting of 5th Ward Council member, interested citizens and a DNR representative to discuss solutions to the deer problems in Ward 5. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business presented for discussion, motion by Downs, second by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Sherman, City Clerk