

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – October 18, 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 18, 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 Johnson, seconded by Downs, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 4, 2010 regular meeting and October 5, 2010 special work session were presented for approval. **Motion by Meuers, 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 Meuers, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$4,263,868.72
2. Miscellaneous 2010 Business License Renewals
3. Reapportionment of Special Assessments for Century 21 Apartments (G. Moen)

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Andrew Spaeth, BYA representative, stated that the June 7 date may work depending on the curfew rules. The City Attorney will follow-up with the BYA in that regard.

BSU Student Senate - Michael Meehlhause, Co-President, stated that the planned forum at BSU had to be canceled due to a special legislation. He provided an update on current activities at BSU.

PRESENTATION

Results of the America In Bloom Evaluation

Jean Humeniuk, Bemidji In Bloom Committee, reviewed the report provided by the America In Bloom judges. She stated that Bemidji has participated for five years in America in Bloom with the commitment to continuous improvements. The America In Bloom Judges noted that Bemidji is a forward-looking city and since 2005, the town has had a facelift. She stated the weeds on public and private property was one concern mentioned by the judges. She expressed concerns regarding the landscaping and maintenance of it at the event center. She suggested that the city consider hiring an individual with horticultural experience and training. She stated that the Park Partner program that was started several years ago could be better organized to coordinate the efforts of volunteers. She noted that the judges suggested that the City consider adopting and appointing a Beautification Commission to continue the momentum started by the Bemidji In Bloom committee.

PUBLIC HEARING

2010 Street Renewal Project – City Project #10-01

Gray stated that the City completed the second year of its annual street reconstruction on various streets within the City. The project consisted of underground utility replacement, sidewalks, concrete curb and gutter and street pavement. The total project cost was \$1,350,000 and the assessments for the project total \$199,493.52. Assessments paid for 15% of the total project while the remainder will be paid with city utility funds, municipal state aid funds and the general tax levy.

Pursuant to published notice a public hearing was held regarding input on the adoption of the proposed assessment roll for the 2010 Street Renewal Project (#10-01). Mayor Lehmann opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5648: Adopting Assessment Rolls for City Project #10-01 - 2010 Street Renewal Project was offered by Councilmember Downs, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Negard was passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Package #9 – Event Center

Bob LeBarron, Executive Director for VenuWorks, reviewed the bids received on October 7, 2010, for a portable basketball court and storage carts and recommended awarding the bid to Connor Sport Court. The bids were as follow:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Storage Cart</u>	<u>Used Court</u>
All Star Robbins	\$89,390.25	\$3,847.50	\$83,285.55
Horner Sports Flooring	\$90,398.87	\$3,847.50	\$92,197.97
Connor Sport Court	\$83,740.66	\$4,809.38	

Discussion continued regarding the bids received for used basketball courts. LeBarron noted that the low bid for the used court was not that much less than a new court. Furthermore, LeBarron cautioned that the used basketball court may have warranty issues or other problems.

Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Johnson, to accept the Connor Sport Court bid in the amount of \$83,740.66 for a portable court and \$4,809.38 for mobile storage and transportation carts. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Downs, Lehmann, Waldhausen, Negard, Johnson. Nays: Meuers.

ORDINANCES

First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting an Amended City Fee Schedule for 2011.

Pursuant to published notice, a public hearing was held to receive input regarding Amending Chapter 18, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by adding Sec. 18-35 - Aggressive Solicitation. Mayor Lehmann opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

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

EVENT CENTER UPDATE

Naming Rights Negotiations

Chattin provided an update on the status of the negotiations for naming rights of the Event Center. He stated that staff is working with Sanford Health to finalize the details of an agreement giving them certain exclusive naming recognition for our regional event center. In addition, Minnesota DEED, bond counsel and BEDA will also need to review and approve the final gift agreement. He also provided an outline of the basic terms of the agreement.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Negard, directing staff to finalize the documents with Sanford Health for naming rights on the Bemidji Event Center contingent on the review and approval of Minnesota DEED, bond counsel and BEDA. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Chattin read a press release announcing a contribution of \$2 million from Sanford Health to the Bemidji Regional Event Center. In turn the City will rename the venue the Sanford Center.

Warren Larson, representing Sanford Health, stated that they are excited to be a partner with the City.

Change Orders

Motion by Johnson , seconded by Downs, to approve the Change Orders in the amount of \$136,375.89 for the Event Center project. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Lehmann, Waldhausen, Hellquist, Johnson, Negard, Downs. Nays: Meuers.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

- Maggie Schwegman, 9010 Marcel Drive, commented that as a member of the Garden Club they are willing to help and would be interested in participating in a Beautification Commission.
- Jane Senger, 3732 Birchmont Drive NW, commented that the first thing visitors and people see coming into Bemidji from the south is the median garden.
- Lori Richardson, 516 14th Street NW, stated that the QNI Study may be helpful in developing pride in the community, planning for the future and prioritize.
- Michael Meehlhause, resident, expressed concerns about the lack of lighting on the trail located between Diamond Point Park and behind the campus along Lake Bemidji. Waldhausen responded that the Parks & Recreation Director is looking into seeing what can be done to provide some lighting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, Oct. 25 5:30 p.m. Work Session – CIP/Utility Cashflow
- Monday, Nov. 1 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, Nov. 8 5:30 p.m. Canvassing Board – General Election Results
- Monday, Nov. 8 5:35 p.m. Work Session - TBD

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

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

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk