

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – December 4, 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, December 4, 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. The following additions were requested:

- Addition of Senior Citizen Assessment Deferral to Consent Agenda (No. 11a)
- Number 4 on the Consent Agenda should read Approval of Beer License Renewals

Motion by Meuers, second by Downs, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Minutes of the November 20 regular meeting and November 27, 2006 work session were presented for approval. Motion by Erickson, second by Markeson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

With the addition of 11a to the Consent Agenda and a change to Number 8 (Resolution Regarding Regional Library Basis System Support) to read League of Minnesota Cities rather than Association of Minnesota Counties, the following items were presented for approval. Motion by Markeson, second by Hellquist, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

1. Approved Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$304,816.00.
2. Approved miscellaneous business licenses for 2007.
3. Approved Beer License Renewals for 2007.
4. Approved Liquor, Wine and Club License Renewals for 2007.
5. Approved Gambling Permits:
 - a. Bemidji Chamber – Raffle at Northern Inn on 11/18/07
 - b. Bemidji Wrestling Club – Raffle at Eagles Club on 4/21/07
6. Approved appointment of Sarah Sewell to the Bemidji Library Board.
7. Approved **RESOLUTION NO. 5380** Regarding Regional Library Basic System Support with a change to read League of Minnesota Cities rather than Association of Minnesota Counties.
8. Approved **RESOLUTION NO. 5381** Authorizing Signatures of Certain Officials to Act on Behalf of the City of Bemidji for all Current and Future Accounts, Investments or Other Financial Relationships.
9. Approved Amendment to the Personnel Policy regarding Timing of Pay Increases.
10. Approved Council Travel to CGMC Legislative Action Day (1/10/07) – Johnson
11. Approval of Senior Citizen Deferral for Special Assessments on the Bardwell Park Project (2316 Bardwell Drive NW).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission

Bucher stated that the BYAC is planning to hold a dance with the possibility of bands at the Boys & Girls Club on the second Saturday of January. Details are yet to be worked out.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 8, 3RD SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 22 of the Bemidji City Code was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE Defining Transition to Joint Powers Board was given a first reading.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 11 5:30 p.m. Continuation of TNT Hearing if needed
- December 11 5:00 p.m. Open House – Diamond Point Park (Chambers)
- December 12 5:30 p.m. Special Work Session – Diamond Pt Park
- December 18 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Tuesday, January 2 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Monday, January 8 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Friends of the Library

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Chatten stated that his first Chat-a-bout session went fine and he enjoyed it. He commented that he appreciated working with Eischens on the proposed budget cuts and further commented the Eischens did most of the heavy lifting. He stated that the Labor Management Committee has been rejuvenated and will be looking at several issues in upcoming months.
- Mayor Lehmann stated that he is a lefse judge for a History Museum fundraiser on Tuesday evening at the Hampton Inn and it is open to public. He also praised the City's Street crew and the Night We Light entrants.
- Johnson reminded everyone that there will be an Events Center Task Force meeting at City Hall Tuesday morning at 7:00, which is open to public.
- Hellquist reminded the Council that the League of Minnesota Cities Training for new and experience elected officials is coming up on January 12 and 13. Motion by Hellquist to approve any interested Councilperson's travel costs to the training in Grand Rapids, second by Erickson. Motion carried.
- Markeson stated that the Chamber is already gearing up for the 2007 Dragon Boat Festival and any interested teams who sign up before the first part of February will receive a discount.
- Meuers reported that there is a Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 4:45 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday. She also recommended the movie, Inconvenient Truth.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, second by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn M. Swenson
Deputy City Clerk