

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – June 7, 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, June 7, 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 Negard, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 17, 2010 regular meeting and May 24, 2010 work session were presented for approval. **Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Downs, 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 Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

- 2) Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$527,739.53
- 3) Approved Miscellaneous Business Licenses for 2010
- 4) Approved Wine License for Dunn Bros – 501 Paul Bunyan Drive S.
- 5) Approved Liquor License Transfer to new Bemidji Bowl location (3455 Laurel Drive NW)
- 6) Change Order – City Park Phase I in the amount of \$17,411
- 7) Awarded Bid to Gary Skime for Demolition of Buildings located at 622 4th Street NW & 322 Park Avenue (\$6,940 plus \$6,000 if needed)
- 8) Appointed 2 Councilmembers to the JEDC Transitional Team-Hellquist and Downs
- 9) Established Bank Accounts for BREC and Authorize Signatories

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Waldhausen stated that the Youth Day was taking place and invited fellow councilmembers to stop down at the waterfront.

OLD BUSINESS

Pine Haven Townhomes

Chatten stated that the Council met with Steve Kuepers and Bill Kemp at their April 26 work session to consider their reapplication for Minnesota Housing Finance Agency funds for their Pine Haven Townhome project. Their first application did not meet the points threshold and they were seeking city participation with fast tracking the building permit process, reducing city fees for WAC/SAC and reducing the building permit fee. The Council agreed to consider those requests. Since then, the building department has estimated the building permit fees to be \$24,068 and \$59,825 for WAC/SAC. They are requesting that the building permit plan review be reduced by 50% and the WAC/SAC by \$19,815. The total subsidy would be \$31,849.

After discussion, the Council took no action on the Pine Haven Townhomes request.

NEW BUSINESS

Kitchigami Regional Library Board

Mayor Lehmann stated that the alternate on the KRL Board must be an elected official, not a citizen representation. He asked if anyone on the Council would serve as Councilmember Meuers alternate.

Councilmember Negard agreed to be the alternate on the Kitchigami Regional Library Board.

City Park Phase III - Skatepark

Marcia Larson, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that on April 5, the Council approved the plans and specifications and authorized advertisement for bids on Phase 3 of the City Park Project, which includes the skatepark construction. Five bids were received for the construction and Kimley-Horn recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Spohn Ranch, in the amount of \$314,473.21. She further stated that the Skate and Bike Association has raised \$166,000 in donations and grants to go toward the skatepark construction. She further noted that the City has dedicated \$150,000 in sales tax funds toward the skatepark.

Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Downs, to award the base bid for City Park Phase 3 construction to Spohn Ranch, California, in the amount of \$314,473.21. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding Repealing Sec. 4-51 of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Limitation of Ownership of more than one Beer, Wine or On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License. Mayor Lehmann opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. Hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

AN ORDINANCE Repealing Sec. 4-51 of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Limitation of Ownership of more than one Beer, Wine or On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License was given a second reading.

Mayor Lehmann expressed concerns about not requiring some limitation on the number of licenses issued. Felix stated he will canvass other cities in this regard and bring something to the next regular meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, provided an update of activities and events at the Bemidji Public Library.

CITIZEN NOT ON AGENDA

- Adam Steele, 189 Gemmel Avenue SW, stated that Ordinance No. 54, 3rd Series regarding licensing of cats was not lawfully enforceable stating that State Statute 347.21 had exclusive jurisdiction over the regulation of cats.
- Pedie Pederson thanked both Councilmember Barb Meuers and Mayor Lehmann for their role and leadership as Mayor for the City of Bemidji.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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| • Monday, June 14 | 5:30 p.m. | Work Session – TBD |
| • Monday, June 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting |
| • Monday, June 28 | 5:30 p.m. | Work Session - Budget |

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Councilmembers provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Downs stated that the Paul Bunyan Trail Ride will be on Saturday, August 21. It will start at the Guthrie Community Center.
- Gray provided an update on projects in the City.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk