

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – March 1, 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, March 1, 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. Absent: Meuers

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Lehmann called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Downs, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 16, 2010 regular meeting, February 16, 2010 special work session, February 16, 2010 BEDA and February 22, 2010 work session were presented for approval.

Hellquist noted a minor typo to the February 16, 2010 regular meeting minutes and asked for the following language to be included in the February 16 special work session minutes: "Revenue projected from the sign would not cover the cost of the video display".

Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Downs, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Negard, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$322,283.45
2. Miscellaneous 2010 Business License Renewals
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 5615:** Providing for the Prepayment and Redemption of Certain General Obligation Bonds (2001)
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5616:** Regarding the Governor's Supplemental Budget Cuts to Local Government Aid (LGA) Payment

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Andrew Sherf, BYA representative, stated that the event on Friday, February 26 at the Boys & Girls Club was attended by more than 250 students. It was very successful. Waldhausen noted that the event at the Boys & Girls Club was organized by the students, no adults assisted, and there were no problems.

BSU Student Senate - Andrew Spath, Co-Chair, stated that there are activities planned to continue educating students on the importance of the Census count. He provided an update on projects the Student Senate is working on including a smoking survey and spring election of senate officers.

PRESENTATION

French Reid, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, provided an overview of the services that the Border Patrol Agents can provide to the Bemidji community. However, their primary duty is to provide border security. The resident agent program is a pilot program and, if successful, it is anticipated that it will expand to other sectors.

NEW BUSINESS

Felix stated that the proposed resolution is the culmination of discussions leading to the conveyance to the City of the stormwater pond constructed on an outlot in the southeast corner of Tyler Estates. The pond was originally constructed by the owner, Steve Hill, and has been expanded and improved over the last several years partially with dollars contributed from the City's stormwater utility fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 5617: Accepting Conveyance of Outlot B, Tyler Estates, was offered by Councilmember Negard, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Hellquist, was passed by unanimous vote.

EVENT CENTER UPDATE

Gerry Domino, Sr. Project Manager – Kraus-Anderson, stated that the pending change order log has approximately \$400,000 still to be negotiated. The contingency fund has \$1.2 million remaining after the video display system.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded Waldhausen, to approve Change Orders in the amount of \$5,107 for the Event Center project. Motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, highlighted March programs offered at the Bemidji Public Library.

CITIZEN NOT ON AGENDA

- Vincent Vonhout, Upstream TV, stated that he appreciated the meeting with the two cable companies, Mr. Chattin and Mr. Felix. Discussion followed and it was decided that a meeting with the Public Affairs Committee and Upstream TV representatives to discuss the community access channel further.
- Pete Hartmann, Tyler Estates, thanked city staff for assisting with the flood insurance program. Felix provided an update on the status of the National Flood Program. City staff and will meet this week to prepare for spring flooding.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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| • Monday, March 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Work Session – Cancelled |
| • Monday, March 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting |
| • Monday, March 22 | 5:30 p.m. | Work Session - TBD |

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Chattin will be meeting with hotel developers at the southshore regarding a proposal.
- Felix noted that staff is working on special legislation to allow alcohol at the event center.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Downs, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk