

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting/Work Session – March 10, 2008

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting/work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Pro-tem Downs presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Meuers, Downs, Hellquist, Johnson, Markeson, Erickson. Absent: Lehmann.

Other & Staff: Public Works Director Andy Mack, City Engineer Craig Gray, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Clerk Kay Murphy.

Mayor Pro-tem Downs stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the City's unscheduled roll-off dumpster service.

Eischens stated that staff is recommending the Council discontinue unscheduled roll-off dumpster service based on financial reasons. However, the City should continue the scheduled roll-off service to the Bemidji High School and Bemidji State University as these locations have designated days for their pickup. The total revenue received for the unscheduled and scheduled service is \$6,915. Personnel costs are higher than revenue.

Mack stated that Magnuson Trucking can provide demolition service. He further stated that sewerline staff time is more effective maintaining our sewer system. He did not recommend discontinuation of the services to BSU and the High School because they both have 10 yard boxes and the City has the only equipment to handle those boxes.

Council discussed the possibility of the college purchasing their own equipment or perhaps Magnuson. Council also discussed increasing the cost to BSU and the high school to cover the cost of operation.

City Engineer Gray stated that in one to three years the City could consider combining sewer and water departments which would provide cross-training. There would not be immediate savings but would use employees more effectively.

Motion by Hellquist, second by Erickson, to immediately discontinue the unscheduled roll-off pickups. Furthermore, by January 2009, discontinue the recycling service to Bemidji State University and Bemidji High School. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Markeson, second by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk