

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Work Session – May 10, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice, a work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Lehmann, Johnson, Negard, Downs, Meuers, Waldhausen, Hellquist

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Others Present: Leo A Daly - Steve Parker, Bill Merrill; Kraus-Anderson – Gerry Domino; VenuWorks – Bob LeBarron; Sustainability Committee Reps – Dave Bahr, Erika Bailey-Johnson

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Waldhausen, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Solar Energy

Mayor Lehmann reviewed the recommendation by the Sustainability Committee to contract with Bonestroo as an independent consultant to complete a feasibility study to assess solar energy viability at the South Shore Development. He stated that three proposals were received.

Waldhausen stated that Erika Bailey-Johnson and Dave Bahr have worked hard on this project and thanked them.

Motion by Downs, seconded by Negard, to contract with Bonestroo in the amount of \$14,830 to complete a feasibility study to assess solar energy viability at the South Shore Development. Motion carried unanimously.

BREC Video Display System

Mayor Lehmann stated that Kraus-Anderson, Leo A Daly and VenuWorks have reviewed the bids that were received for the electronic digital signage for the BREC and they recommended award of the contract to Daktronics, Inc. Lehmann stated that the Council will have to select the size for the center hung video board. The difference in cost is approximately \$200,000 and the larger board is 14'10" by 8'8" and the smaller board is 11'9" by 6'7".

Council discussed the following:

- Difference in cost of warranty for the center hung scoreboard/video board.
- Additional costs for sign installation will include the outside structures at approximately \$100,000 each, electrical and structural rigging member additions for the center scoreboard/video board.
- To require backlighting for the name located at the top of the scoreboard. Consensus of the Council was that this was unnecessary.

Hellquist commented that it appeared that TS Sports bid was lower. Merrill responded that in fact while their bid appears lower their bid did not include all items as requested in the bid.

Johnson commented that the video display board will be used for more than just BSU hockey and a larger size would make a better experience for the participant.

LeBarron recommended that the Council consider going with the larger board. Hellquist asked if the cost for the larger board could be recouped in sales. LeBarron responded that it could but he would not guarantee that.

Chattin stated that from a sales perspective the larger screen has the "wow" factor.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Waldhausen, to award the electronic digital system bid to Daktronics, Inc. to include the larger center hung video board in the amount of \$1,043,578 Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Lehmann, Johnson, Downs, Waldhausen. Nays: Hellquist, Negard, Meuers.

BREC Change Orders

Mayor Lehmann stated that there have been a number of change orders initiated by Leo A Daly. Some change orders are out of necessity or code requirements. However, he stated he was frustrated and dismayed over the number of change orders and believed that the codes would be followed at the time of design.

Johnson noted that a number of the changes were site related or dirt work and that some were understandable.

Bill Merrill, Leo A Daly, stated that the process is frustrating to everyone. He noted that the design documents were not completed and reviewed because steel and precast needed to be bid. This projects schedule did not allow the “normal” amount of time for permit review by the various agencies to allow for changes prior to bidding. He further stated that there are different code interpretations by different code enforcement personnel. Discussion continued regarding the fire sprinkler requirement above the bowl. Merrill stated that up until December 2009, there was no problem with the State. Brothers Fire Protection submitted their drawings for review and four months later the State Fire Marshal stated that fire sprinklers are required 78 feet above the bowl. Merrill stated that it would take a massive fire to activate these sprinklers. However, because it is required there will be a change order coming to the Council.

The following potential change orders were discussed:

- Decorative paving crosswalk at the entrance plaza and at the intersection leading to the beach. Consensus of the Council was to only do the decorative paving at the entrance plaza for approximately \$10,000.
- Additional landscaping and irrigation in the roundabout at a cost of approximately \$25,000. He stated that a sleeve is being pushed under the street if the Council wanted to do it in the future as it would allow irrigation to be run without tearing up the pavement.
- Three additional flag poles outside the BREC for the area reservations. Consensus of the Council was not to add the flag poles. Meuers stated she was disappointed with this decision.
- Heating at the front entrance pavers – approximately 5,000 square feet at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Consensus of the Council was that this was expensive and perhaps other options could be looked into.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meuers, seconded by Waldhausen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk