

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Regular Meeting – June 2, 2008

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 2, 2008 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, Johnson, Downs, Meuers, Markeson, Hellquist. Absent: Erickson.

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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Lehmann called for any amendments to the agenda. The following additions/deletions were requested:

- Remove Purchase of a Floor Scrubber at the Public Works Facility from the Consent Agenda - requested by Staff
- Add WSN Proposal for Reuse Study of Carnegie Library under New Business - requested by City Manager

Motion by Downs, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 19, 2008 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Meuers, seconded by Downs, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Markeson, second by Johnson to remove Item #5 regarding the Beltrami County All Hazard Mitigation Plan and bring to the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Approved Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,155,376.89.
2. Approved miscellaneous business licenses.
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 5490:** Gambling Permit for the North Country Snowmobile Club at the Corner Bar
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5489:** To Not Waive the Monetary Limits on Tort Liability Established by M.S. 466.04.
5. Authorized Purchase of Ironworker Machines – Street Department
6. Approved Change Order No. 4 – Diamond Point Park
7. Approved Meter Reading Contract - Jerry Colley

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Leslie Rith-Najarian, Commission Member, provided an overview of events scheduled for June 7. Applications are being received for next year's BYC members from Bemidji High School as well as other area schools. Interviews will be held in June.

NEW BUSINESS**Carnegie Library Reuse Study**

Chattin stated that the City applied for and received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to study possible reuses of the Carnegie Library building. Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN) has been working with the local historical group for several months to initiate this grant application and has already been active in investigating this issue. He stated that the WSN proposal limits their fee to \$10,000 and covers the scope of services required.

Motion by Markeson, seconded by Johnson, accepting the proposal from WSN for a reuse study for the Bemidji Carnegie Library building. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Hellquist, Meuers, Johnson, Lehmann, Markeson. Nays: Downs.

EVENT CENTER UPDATE

Chattin stated he received an e-mail from Linda Kane, the project manager, who informed him that Leo A Daly has cut another 15,000 sq. ft. from the facility and will have new floor plans this week. Next Monday's work session is discussing the funding for the event center and staff should be ready with that information.

LIBRARIAN REPORT

Paul Ericsson, Librarian, reviewed the summer programs available at the Public Library for 2008. He stated that the carpeting project is completed and the Library is getting back in place. He thanked the City, Neilson fund and volunteers for their assistance and financial help.

CITIZEN NOT ON AGENDA

Mike Bredon, a local independent filmmaker, asked if the City provides a public access television channel.

Felix stated there is a public access channel; however, there is little equipment available. Johnson stated that it is limited as Channel 2 is a government access channel. In the long-term it is planned to improve the government access channel.

Mayor Lehmann recommended that Mr. Bredon attend a future Public Affairs Committee in this regard.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Monday, June 9 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Event Center
- Wednesday, June 11 6:00 p.m. Joint Planning Board
- Monday, June 16 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Monday, June 23 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Event Center

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

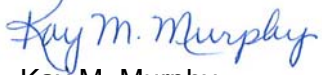
- Markeson attended the Airport Commission meeting and stated that a new business is opening at the Airport which hired four or five recent BSU graduates.
- Johnson stated that EXB Company is the first success story from the airport marketing plan and will eventually be housed on airport grounds. They are an electrical engineering firm that does airport related troubleshooting. He reported that he attended the Community Celebration last week and it was a nice celebration regarding the legislative session.
- Downs commented that he recently visited with a stamped concrete company and suggested this could be done at the event center. He stated that he rode bike on June 1 as part of the Jim Oberstar Trail Ride which was the 11th annual bike ride. He visited with Oberstar regarding the sewer line looping the lake. He will be meeting with the Parks & Trails Counsel of Minnesota in Walker this week regarding expanding the trails and parks.
- Lehmann reviewed activities planned in Bemidji during June.
- Chattin will be attending the annual LMC conference in Rochester June 10-13.

- Gray reported that the first phase of the Bemidji Avenue/Paul Bunyan Drive project will be open this week.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Johnson, seconded by Downs, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk