

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Work Session – January 30, 2023

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, January 30, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Prince presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Prince, Peterson, Johnson, Rivera, Eaton, Thayer.

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Katie Nolting, City Engineer Sam Anderson, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Fire Chief Justin Sherwood, Facilities Manager Matt Ridlon, City Clerk Michelle Miller.

Others: Wold Architects and Engineers: John McNamara, Paige Sullivan

Mayor Prince stated that the purpose of the work session was to receive an update from Wold Architects and Engineers regarding Facility Needs Study for City Hall and Fire Station 1.

#### **WOLD ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS UPDATE**

Council received an update from Wold Architects and Engineers regarding the Facility Needs Study for City Hall and the Fire Station 1 including:

- Facility Assessment Overview
- Proposed Program Review
- Options Development
- Historical Cost Analysis
- Budget
- Schedule
- Next Steps

Several options were reviewed, including five options being located on the block currently occupied by City Hall and the Fire Station as well as using the easterly portion of the block and one option with new construction on other property not identified. Three of the five options included purchasing the property currently owned by First National Bank Bemidji. Summary information on the options were as follows:

- Option 1: Addition/Renovation to City Hall and New Fire Station (\$23,206,000)
- Option 2: New Combined-Northerly Position (\$26,028,000)
- Option 3: New Combined-Easterly Position (\$26,028,000)
- Option 4a: New Combined-Southerly Position-Phased (\$26,000,000)
- Option 4b: New Combined-NW and SE Position-Phase (\$26,000,000)
- Option 5: New Site and Combined (\$25,500,000)

Council addressed questions and comments with Wold and staff with no formal action taken. Wold will be meeting with the Public Works Committee in the near future.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Eaton seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
City Clerk