

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting – May 8, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 8, 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, Fiskevold Gould, Peterson, Johnson, Rivera, Eaton, Thayer.

Staff Present: Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Attorney Katie Nolting, City Engineer Sam Anderson, Planning Administrator Jamin Carlson, Assistant City Engineer Jenna Roberts, City Clerk/acting City Manager Michelle Miller

Mayor Prince stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Water and Sewer Infrastructure Along the Northern Portion of Lake Bemidji.

Water and Sewer Infrastructure Along the Northern Portion of Lake Bemidji

Prince stated that this meeting was scheduled after discussion with staff with regards for further clarity for the council subcommittee that will be meeting with representatives of Northern Township. Nolting stated that after the April 17 council meeting, several staff members had differing ideas as to what the direction was from council. The direction staff is seeking is if the city is looking to change its policy regarding the requirement of annexation when extending city services. Council and staff discussed the differences between the extension of services to the Gene Dillon School versus the current situation with the Northern Township properties. Prince reviewed the previous options that were discussed during the March 3 work session. Nolting provided clarification that the city has not received a formal annexation petition from the owners of Ruttgers. Thayer expressed a desire to require some form of annexation to extend municipal sewer and water services.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Fiskevold Gould to reaffirm the city's policy to require annexation with the extension of municipal sewer and water services. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Rivera, Johnson, Fiskevold Gould, Prince, Eaton. Nays: Peterson, Thayer.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Rivera, seconded by Eaton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk