

# **CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

## **BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

### **Work Session – July 11, 2022**

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, July 11, 2022, 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, Thayer, Peterson, Johnson, Rivera, Eaton, Jourdain.

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Assistant City Attorney Katie Nolting, City Engineer Craig Gray, Police Chief Mike Mastin, Assistant City Attorney Andrea Kingbird, Assistant City Attorney Gregory Jones, City Clerk Michelle Miller.

Mayor Prince stated that the purpose of the work session was to discuss legal and police delivery service.

#### **Legal and Police Delivery Service Discussion**

Mathews summarized how criminal prosecution returned to being handled in house rather than contracted through the County Attorney's office. Nolting provided a presentation regarding the following:

- Type of criminal cases handled
- Goals of the criminal division (Justice, Communication, Team Approach, Case Reviews)
- Current statistics of criminal cases being handled
- Time spent in court vs. desk time
- Administrative Hearings
- Civil matters
- Airport representation
- Special projects (i.e. committees)
- Professional development

Felix and Nolting provided information regarding the transition with the upcoming retirement of Felix. Mastin and Kingbird described their vision related to building tribal relationships. Mastin and Nolting provided insight into the increase of prosecution cases. Council addressed questions and concerns with staff regarding the Legal and Police Delivery Service.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Eaton seconded by Rivera, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
City Clerk