

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Work Session – August 28, 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, August 28, 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, Johnson, Rivera, Eaton, Thayer. Absent: Peterson

Staff Present: City Attorney Katie Nolting, City Engineer Sam Anderson, City Clerk/acting City Manager Michelle Miller.

Mayor Prince stated that the purpose of the meeting was to gather public input regarding two questions:

- (1) Should the City Establish, Own and Operate a Municipal Cannabis Retail Establishment?
- (2) Should the City Allow On-Site Consumption of Recreational Cannabis at Permitted Cannabis Events?

Miller stated that two comments were received via email:

- Jeff Sullivan opposes public consumption of recreational cannabis and recommends that the city reconsider creating an ordinance that prohibits smoking on public property.
- Colleen Livingston opposes the city operating a municipal cannabis business

Mayor Prince opened the Public Hearing at 5:32 p.m. hearing the following comments:

- Christopher Murray, 2710 Bemidji Avenue N, opposes the city operating a municipal cannabis business

Hearing no further comments, Prince closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Eaton, seconded by Fiskevold Goud, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk