

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting – September 15, 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 Friday, September 15, 2023 at 12:00 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.

Mayor Prince stated that the purpose of the meeting was to select finalists for City Manager interviews.

Selection of Finalists for City Manager Interviews

Patty Heminover of Baker Tilly reviewed the process by Baker Tilly to bring candidates to council for consideration. Baker Tilly provided eight candidates for council review. Heminover stated the next step is for the council to determine which candidates and how many they would like to bring forward to interview for City Manager. The first interview would be conducted by remote meeting technology. The second interview would be in person. Rivera addressed several questions of Heminover and Baker Tilly's process of bringing candidates forward.

Council provided the following preference of candidates to move forward:

Eaton	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Rivera	2, 5, 6
Johnson	2, 3, 5, 8
Thayer	2, 3, 4, 5, 8
Peterson	2, 5, 8
Fiskevold Gould	1, 2, 3, 8
Prince	2, 5, 8

Based on the above selections the top three candidates each receiving six votes are:

- 2, 5, 8

Council agreed to interviewing three candidates. Council also agreed that in the event that one of those candidates cannot move forward, they agreed that candidate number three would be an alternate. Upon selection, the names of the candidates will become public. The first interviews will be scheduled for Friday, September 22.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Peterson, seconded by Fiskevold Gould, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk