

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – September 18, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 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 (arrived 6:20), Eaton, Thayer.

Staff Present: City Attorney Katie Nolting, City Engineer Sam Anderson, Parks & Recreation Director Marcia Larson, Police Chief Mike Mastin, Assistant City Engineer Jenna Roberts, Planning Director Jamin Carlson, Fire Chief Justin Sherwood, City Clerk/acting City Manager Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Prince called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Peterson, seconded by Eaton, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting:	June 20, 2023
BEDA Meeting:	June 26, 2023
Work Session:	June 26, 2023

Motion by Eaton, seconded by Thayer, approving minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA #1

Mayor Prince called for any amendments to be made to Consent Agenda. The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thayer, to approve Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the Amount of \$1,340,900.04
2. Claims Submitted by ASM Global for the Sanford Center in the Amount of \$60,004.13
3. Approve Special Event Permit-Blue Ox Marathon (October 13 & 14)
4. Approve Special Event Permit-Fire Department Open House (October 14)
5. Approve Special Event Permit-Homecoming Street Dance (September 30)
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6504:** Approving Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permits and Street Closures for the 2023 BSU Homecoming Street Dance
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 6505:** Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Rolls, and Establishing a Date for Public Hearing on City Project 23-02
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 6506:** Entering into a Grant Agreement with MN Department of Public Safety for Traffic Safety Enforcement Projects
9. Approve Change Order #1 - First Street Water Tower Repair – City Project 23-06
10. Authorize Execution of Utility Easements with Midcontinent Communications & Ottertail Power Along Jefferson Avenue NW
11. Authorize Replacement of Camera Wireless Receivers for the Sanford Center
12. Authorize Upgrade of the Building Network and Wi-Fi System for the Sanford Center

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA #2

Mayor Prince called for any items to be pulled from consent agenda #2. The following Consent Agenda item was presented for approval. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Fiskevold Gould, approving Consent Agenda #2 as follows:**

1. Approve Special Event Permit-First City of Lights – Night We Light Celebration (November 24)

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Johnson, Fiskevold Gould, Prince, Eaton, Thayer. Abstain: Peterson due to his role with the First City of Lights Foundation.

CITIZENS WITH BUSINESS NOT ON AGENDA

Richardo Canti, 122 26th Street NW, commented on the lack of signs on 24th, 26th and 28th Streets NW to assist with public safety and awareness to pedestrians and others who share the roads with vehicles.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, September 25 5:30 p.m. Work Session (Council Goals and Priorities)
- Monday, October 2 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Tuesday, October 10 5:30 p.m. Work Session (Rural Fire & Sanford Health Campus Traffic Study)
- Monday, October 16 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Peterson, seconded by Eaton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk