

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Pro-tem Erickson presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Meehlhause, Johnson, Hellquist, Erickson, Larson Absent: Albrecht

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Clerk Kay Murphy

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Erickson called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the agenda as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	January 3, 2017
BEDA Meeting	January 3, 2018
Work Session	January 9 2017

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$7,166,754.24
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$173,733.96
3. General Business Licenses Renewals for 2017
4. Purchase of a Motor Grader – John Deere 772GP in the amount of \$288,905 less 80,422 trade-in of existing grader \$80,422 for a net purchase price of \$208,483 (includes tax and fees).
5. Purchase of a GMC Sierra 2500 HD Pickup from Nelson Auto Center in the amount of \$30,285.57 and a Boss 8' 2" V Steel plow (installed) from Southside Towing in the amount of \$36,959.62 (includes tax and license)
6. Declared the 1997 GMC 1500 Pickup as Surplus Equipment
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 6055:** Appointing Election Judges for the Special Election(s) to Be Held on March 14, 2017 and, if needed, May 2, 2017
8. Appointed Members to the Carnegie Library Task Force – Councilors Erickson and Meehlhause, City Manager, City Clerk, Catherine Marchand, Suzanne Liapis, Josh Peterson and Linda Lemmer
9. Travel Authorization – St. Paul on February 3 (Mn Environmental Congress) and February 4 (Mn Mayors Winter Reception) – Mayor Albrecht

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

The following representatives from Waste Management introduced themselves: Mike Gatti, District Operations Manager and Diana Siebels, Public Sector Representative II.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Sydney Bauer, BYA representative, stated that the Commission is current busy with the Winter Fest Turkey Bowling event.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Bemidji Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection

Erickson stated that the City received a request from the Friends of Lake Bemidji to support the annual Lake Bemidji Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspections. The Friends of Lake Bemidji,

in partnership with the County, DNR, City and Northern Township are working hard to keep Lake Bemidji free of AIS).

Bruce Anspach, Beltrami County AIS, stated that there are 49 accesses in Beltrami County that he hires inspectors. Discussion followed regarding the number of days that inspectors were at the boat accesses inside City limits.

A motion by Meehlhause to contribute \$4,000 toward AIS inspection died for lack of a second.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Larson, to fund \$2,000 for the AIS program with funds to be utilized from the Stormwater fund. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, January 23 5:30 p.m. Special Work Session – City Wells
- Monday, February 6 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, February 13 5:30 p.m. Work Session – TBD
- Tuesday, **March 14** Ward 4 Special Election

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Erickson stated that problems with disruptive individuals at the Library has escalated. She stated that the Police Chief and the City Manager met with the Library Board and Library staff regarding the situation and the Police Chief recommended that repeat offenders be given a trespass notice. According to the Librarian, she has been instructed by KRLS not to do that. Erickson will be discussing this issue further with the KRLS Board at an upcoming meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk