

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting – January 18, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, January 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding for the purpose of interviewing applicants to fill the Ward 4 Councilor seat.

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Kay Murphy, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Miller

Mayor Albrecht discussed the process for conducting the interviews and noted that there were six applicants for the Ward 4 seat. Consensus of the Council was that the Mayor would ask the questions and allow an opportunity for follow-up questions from the entire Council.

To determine the order for interviews, each candidate drew a number. The following applicants were interviewed:

Linda Lemmer, 143 Gemmel Avenue SW
Emelie Rivera, 725 17th Street NW
James Thompson, 930 Old Railway SW
James Ravnkar, 616 Robin Lane SW
Richard Lehmann, 1426 Irvingside Lane SW
Melinda Neville, 1111 Rice Avenue NW

Each candidate was asked why they wanted to serve on the council, what strengths they would bring, what they hoped to accomplish in their term, civic involvement and how they see themselves interacting with city staff.

The consensus of the Council was that any one of the applicants would do well as the Ward 4 councilor. After the interviews, the Council voted by secret ballot. Richard Lehmann was declared the winner.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk