

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – January 2, 2018

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 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

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

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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	December 18, 2017
BEDA Meeting	December 18, 2017

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Erickson, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. Councilor Johnson requested that the item regarding the Sanford Center Plan and Annual Budget be moved to business. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Erickson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$683,347.06
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$44,269.18
3. General Business Licenses Renewals for 2018
4. 2018 Wine License for DaRoos Pizza of Bemidji
5. Designate Mayor Pro-tem – Erickson
6. City Council Commission/Committee Assignments for 2018
7. Designate Official Newspaper of Publication for 2018
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 6129:** Designating Depositories for City Funds in 2018
9. Approve 2017 Budget adjustment # 5
10. Recommended Appointment of Don Heinonen to Joint Planning Commission
11. **RESOLUTION NO. 6130:** Accepting \$1,000 Donation from Enbridge Energy for the Fire Department
12. Approved purchase of 13,000 gallon brine spray tank from Service One Truck Equipment in the amount of \$12,480
13. Approved purchase of a 2018 Jeep Cherokee from Mike's Motors in the amount of \$28,482.32 (includes sales tax and licensing fees) – Engineering Dept.
14. Approved purchase of 2019 Kenworth Truck from RHIM Kenworth in the amount of \$140,755.19 and the purchase of roll-off boxes from ABM Equipment and Supply in the amount of \$15,760 (includes license and registration fees) – Street Dept.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

NEW BUSINESS

Ward 4 Vacancy

Mayor Albrecht stated that the City received a resignation letter from Councilor Plemel on December 27, 2017. She reviewed City Charter Section 2.05 (Vacancies) which states that "In the event there are 364 days or less remaining after the Council has declared a vacancy, the City Council must appoint a qualified replacement to complete the term of the vacated seat within 30 day of the declaration of vacancy." Mayor Albrecht then reviewed the process for appointment that was used in 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 6131: Declaring a Vacancy in Ward 4 was offered by Councilmember Erickson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Larson was passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Larson, directing the City Clerk to advertise the Ward 4 vacancy and set a date to interview eligible applicants. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Art Request

Public Works Director Gray stated that he has been working with the Arts Commission and estimated the in-kind for the art project at the intersection of 3rd & Beltrami Avenue at \$5,000, which includes labor and paint costs.

Paula Swenson, Public Arts Commission member, reviewed their request to submit a grant to the Region 2 Arts Council. The application is due by January 15, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 6132: Authorizing an Application to Region 2 Arts Council was offered by Councilmember Johnson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Erickson was passed by unanimous vote.

Sanford Center Business & Marketing and 2018 Budget

Councilor Johnson stated that he asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Agenda in order for a roll call vote. Johnson stated concerns that the \$400,000 subsidy from taxpayers which VenuWorks included as part of the budget. Albrecht responded that the budget is an estimate and she believed it is Mr. Kossow's top priority to reduce the deficit every year.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Larson, to approve the 2018 Sanford Center Business and Marketing Plan and Annual Budget as presented. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Larson, Erickson. Nays: Johnson.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, January 8 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Review Liquor Store Plan
- Tuesday, January 16 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Erickson, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk