

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – January 4, 2016

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, January 4, 2016 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, Meehlhause, Johnson, Olson, Erickson, Larson Absent: Hellquist

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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:
Council Meeting December 21, 2015

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. Mayor Albrecht requested the following item be added: Consider a Loan Transfer and Authorize Appropriate Parties to Execute an Amended Mortgage and Promissory Note Regarding the City of Bemidji Downtown Commercial Renovation Program (Merschman). **Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Olson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as amended:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,037,535.41
2. Claims submitted by Venuworks for the Sanford Center in the total amount of \$58,671.82
3. Miscellaneous Business License Renewals for 2015
4. General Business Licenses Renewals for 2016
5. Designate Mayor Pro-tem – Johnson
6. Councilmember Commission Appointments for 2016
7. Designate Official Newspaper of Publication for 2016
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 5994:** Designating Depositories for City Funds in 2016
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 5995:** Supporting an Increase to Local Government Aid in the 2016 Legislative Session
10. Purchase of a 2016 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper from MacQueen Equipment in the amount of \$168,676 – Street Department
11. Purchase of Tow/Command Vehicle from Dondelingers in the amount of \$36,748.44 – Fire Department
12. Travel Authorization – Climate Adaptation Conference – January 28 – Mayor Albrecht
13. Approved a Loan Transfer and Authorized Appropriate Parties to Execute an Amended Mortgage and Promissory Note Regarding the City of Bemidji Downtown Commercial Renovation Program (Merschman)

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Sarah McCollum, BYA representative, reported that the Commission continues to update their By-laws and upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Station No. 2

City Manager Mathews reviewed the request from the Fire Chief to approve design and authorize staff to seek bids for the construction of a fire station at 312 Lake Avenue NE. He

