

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – January 6, 2014

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 6, 2014 at 7:00 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, Thompson Absent: Hellquist

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, 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 Thompson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	December 16, 2013
Work Session	December 16, 2013

Motion by Meehlhause, 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. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$941,296.40
2. Claims Submitted by Venworks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$52,756.64
3. General Business Licenses Renewals for 2014
4. 1 Day Temporary Consumption & Display Permit – Headwaters Science Center on 11/14/14 and Bemidji Community Art Center on 2/7/14
5. Designated Mayor Pro-tem – Hellquist
6. Councilmember Commission Appointments for 2014 with the addition of Councilor Erickson as the liaison for the Beltrami County Historical Society
7. Designated Official Newspaper of Publication for 2014
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 5867:** Designating Depositories for City Funds in 2014
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 5868:** Approving an Application for a Gambling Permit for the American Legion Post #14 at 1115 23rd Street NW (Bemidji Curling Club)
10. Approved Submission of Documentation of the Proposed Relocation of the Bemidji Carnegie Library to the National Park Service
11. **RESOLUTION NO. 5869** Consenting to Kennedy & Graven's Continued Representation of the City of Bemidji in a Lawsuit Commenced by Bemidji Township
12. **RESOLUTION NO. 5870:** Consenting to Iverson Reuvers Condon's Representation of Northern Township

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Hanna Sorenson, BYA representative, stated that they continue to work on the Mayor's award. They are planning a Listening Lunch for Bemidji Day at the Capitol to encourage other students to attend. Continue to accept applications for the Commission. A Valentine's Day/Single Awareness event is in the planning stages.

Librarian's Report - Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, thanked the City Council and staff for making it possible for them to hire an additional staff person this year. This hiring will allow staff time to work on "behind the scene" items. He highlighted activities that were held on New Year's Eve at the Library and throughout the community. He reported on upcoming events at the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Street Renewal Project

City Engineer Gray reviewed the proposed improvements, estimated costs and property assessments for the 2014 Street Renewal Project. The streets that are proposed to be included are Lake Avenue from Roosevelt Road to 1st Street and 23rd Street from Bemidji Avenue to Birchmont Drive. He stated that the estimated cost of the street reconstruction project is \$1,266,551.

Erickson stated she had received a call from a resident regarding the Sewer Access and Water Access connection fees. She believed that there would be a year to hook up without paying these fees; however, if this is not the policy, she would like the Council to reconsider the SAC/WAC fee policy. Gray stated that at the time the City Council adopted the SAC/WAC policy, property owners were given one year to hookup without paying the SAC/WAC fee. Mayor Albrecht referred it to the Public Works Committee and asked them to bring a proposal back to the Council for their consideration.

Erickson commented that she appreciated that the cost for the bituminous has been adjusted for those parcels that were part of the 2005 SE 40 project.

RESOLUTION NO. 5871: Approving Feasibility Report and Calling Public Hearing – City Project 14-01 was offered by Councilmember Thompson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Johnson was passed by unanimous vote.

Calendar Parking

Gray stated that staff has received a number of parking complaints from residents that live on 24th Street NW, behind the new Buffalo Wild Wings that recently opened. Gray stated that during busy periods there is clearly not enough parking in the private parking lots for the business and vehicles have been parking on both sides of 24th Street. He stated that initially he had recommended calendar parking but, after discussions with the City Manager and Councilor Erickson, now believes that posting no parking on the north side will resolve the issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 5872: Authorizing Restricting Parking on the North side of 24th Street NW from Bemidji Avenue to the West End was offered by Councilmember Erickson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Olson was passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Granting a Cable Franchise to Midcontinent Communications in the City of Bemidji; setting forth conditions accompanying the Grant of the Franchise; providing for certain service regulations; and prescribing penalties for the violation of the provisions herein was given a first reading.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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| • Monday, January 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Work Session – Charter Commission |
| • <u>Tuesday</u> , January 21 | 5:30 p.m. | Public Works Committee |
| • <u>Tuesday</u> , January 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting
- State of the City Address |

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Mayor Albrecht noted that the Save the Carnegie Committee had submitted a grant to Legacy which was not funded. She stated that Cathy Marchand has contacted Legacy in that regard and they responded that the major reason was timing and the need to have approval for moving the building from the National Park Service. The entire grant review group was supportive and encouraged reapplication.
- Discussion continued regarding setting up the Council Strategic Retreat and date selection. Mayor Albrecht stated she would like all the Councilors in attendance. Johnson suggested that picking a week day might be a better option. The City Clerk will continue to work on a possible date for the retreat with the Mayor.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Olson, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk