

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – October 1, 2012

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, October 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Larson presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Larson, Johnson, Hellquist, Albrecht, Negard, Thompson Absent: Waldhausen

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 Larson called for any amendments to the agenda. City Clerk requested the addition of a report from Captain Marcotte regarding DWI Court. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hellquist, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 17, 2012 regular meeting, September 17, 2012 special work session and September 11, 2012 special joint meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by Negard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$769,803.53
2. Approved Gambling Premises Permit at Corner Bar, 6-2 2nd Street SE – Bemidji Baseball Association
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 5786:** Adopting Assessment Roll for Delinquent Utility Accounts Reflecting Costs for Services Provided During the Year 2012
4. Reapportionment of the Special Assessment on Parcel No. 80.03887.00
5. Appointment to Charter Commission – Chris Vinderslev

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DWI Court – Captain Marcotte provided an update on the DWI Court successes. He stated it is their 5th year anniversary and the program has had 66 people go through the program with 37 graduating. He reported that there is a recidivism rate of 11% locally compared to 50% on a national level.

Librarian's Report - Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, reported that there are some building issues regarding the boiler which City staff is working with his staff. He reviewed upcoming events at the library including the availability of e-books.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing

Pursuant to published notice a public hearing was held regarding input on Costs Associated with Lot Maintenance and Other Miscellaneous Work Done by the City on Private Property. Mayor Larson opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

- Adam Steele, 189 Gemmel Avenue SW, protested his assessment for mowing the boulevard at his property. He stated he did not order it and it was not necessary to mow the boulevard as it was a refuge for butterflies. The grass had been hand trimmed using a garden scissor and trimmer. He had spoken with the city clerk regarding this matter but she stated that it was not good enough. He stated that there are other properties with boulevards not maintained.

With no further comments, Mayor Larson closed the hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Council discussed the mowing of Mr. Steele’s boulevard. Felix stated that complaints have been received about Mr. Steele’s property and the City only enforced the mowing of the boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 5787: Adopting Assessment Roll for Costs Associated with Lot Maintenance, and Other Miscellaneous Work done by the City on Private Property in 2012 was offered by Councilmember Johnson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Albrecht was passed by unanimous vote.

Food Shelf Request

Jack Judkins, Bemidji Community Food Shelf Coordinator, reviewed the Food Shelf’s request to have the permitting fees for associated upgrades for their new facility waived or reduced.

City Manager Chattin stated that the Council has a moratorium on donations and have turned down other “worthy” groups. He stated that the Council needs to have a work session to set up the application process.

No action was taken by the City Council.

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 83, 3RD SERIES, An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Fee Schedule Ordinance by Adoption of an Electric and Gas Utility Franchise Fee Increase from 3.5% to 4.5% of Monthly Gross Revenues was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hellquist, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 83, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, Oct. 2** 5:30 p.m. Special Joint Meeting with County @ County Admin Building
- Monday, Oct. 8 5:30 p.m. Council Work Session (CIP/Utility Cashflow; Discuss Lake Avenue Utility Extensions; City Manager ‘s Performance Review)
- Monday, Oct. 15 5:15 p.m. Public Affairs Committee
- Monday, Oct. 15 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Kay M. Murphy
 City Clerk