

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – October 17, 2011

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 17, 2011 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, Waldhausen, Johnson, Hellquist, Albrecht, Negard Absent: Thompson

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. **Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Hellquist, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 3, 2011 regular meeting, October 3 Special BEDA meeting, October 10, 2011 work session and October 11, 2011 special work session were presented for approval. **Motion by Waldhausen, 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. **Motion by Negard, seconded by Hellquist, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$1,362,529.17
2. Claims Submitted by the Sanford Center in the amount of \$128,857.69
3. Miscellaneous Business License(s) for 2011
4. 1 Day Temporary Consumption & Display Permit – Chamber on 11/08/2011
5. 1-4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – BSU Foundation on 12/7/2011
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5720:** Accepting Donation from Take a Kid Fishing
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 5721:** Repair or Remove Structure(s) Located at 1620 Park Avenue NW
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 5722:** Repair or Remove Structure(s) Located at 2411 Bemidji Avenue N
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 5723:** Approving the Agreement between the City of Bemidji and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., Sergeants Local No. 227 Employee Bargaining Unit for 2012

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

- Adam Steele, 189 Gemmel Avenue SW, asked that the process for replacing the police chief be open and transparent. He noted that there are officers on the force that would do a good job. He further stated that the police chief sets the tone for law enforcement in the community.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Sierra Beaulieu, BYA representative, provided the Council with a copy of the 2011-2012 BYAC Strategic Plan. She reviewed the plan which outlines their vision and priorities for the school year.

BSU Student Senate – No one appeared.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2011 Street Renewal Project – City Project #11-01

Pursuant to published notice a public hearing was held regarding proposed assessments for the 2011 Street Renewal Project #11-01. Mayor Larson opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

- Jim Gaven, 1207 Minnesota Avenue NW, asked for an explanation on how the assessment amounts were arrived at. City Engineer Gray explained that the street is assessed at \$38/lin. foot and water and sewer connections are \$1,070/each, if needed.
- Clayton Braaten, 1302 Minnesota Avenue NW, asked when the assessment was due.
- Elana Stately, 1115 Minnesota Avenue NW, stated that although her assessment amount was not large, her family could have used the money for other purposes.

With no further public comments, Mayor Larson closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5724: Adopting Assessment Rolls for City Project #11-01 - 2011 Street Renewal Project was offered by Councilmember Hellquist, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Waldhausen was passed by unanimous vote.**

#### South Shore Swimming Beach

Gray stated that the US Environment Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting grant applications for their Brownfields program. This program provides funding for cleanup programs and it appears that the removal of the woodchips from the south shore of Lake Bemidji would qualify. The deadline for submittal of the grant is November 28 and requires, if awarded, a 20% local match. Landmark Environmental has submitted a proposal to assist the City in preparing and submitting the grant application. The completed grant application would be submitted to the Council at their November 21 meeting for formal approval prior to submittal to EPA. He stated that funding for the consultant is available in the Public Works/Engineering budget.

Albrecht suggested that the City notify our local and congressional representatives as well as the EPA in Washington DC.

**Motion by Johnson, seconded by Albrecht, authorizing the City Engineer to enter into a professional services contract with Landmark Environmental in the amount of \$2,000 for the purpose of assisting with a Brownfields grant application. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE Adopting an Amended Fee Schedule for 2012 was given a first reading.

AN ORDINANCE Amending the City of Bemidji Council-Manager Charter Adding Section 5.07 Recall was given a final reading and failed with the following vote: Ayes: Albrecht. Nays: Larson, Waldhausen, Hellquist, Johnson, Negard. Absent: Thompson.

**ORDINANCE NO. 75, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, Amending Chapter 12, Article XXV of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Lodging Tax was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Waldhausen, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 75, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Wednesday, October 26 6:30 p.m. LGU Meeting - GBJPB
- Monday, November 7 7:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting
- Monday, November 14 5:30 p.m. Work Session – CIP/Utility Cashflow & Taxable Bond Refinancing
- Monday, November 21 7:00 p.m. Regular City 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 Waldhausen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk