

BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL CITY OF BEMIDJI

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTIONS 13D.04 AND 13D.021

NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Bemidji will hold a Public Affairs Committee Meeting and Council Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020 to begin at 5:15 p.m. at Bemidji City Hall.

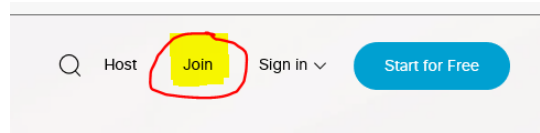
In accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. Sections 13D.04 and 13D.021, Mayor Rita C. Albrecht, has determined that an in person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic and Peace Time State of Emergency, declared under Chapter 12 of the Minnesota Statutes.

Because of the health pandemic and Peace Time State of Emergency, it has been determined that attendance at the regular meeting location by members of the public is not feasible.

Because of the health pandemic and Peace Time State of Emergency, it has been determined that the physical presence at the regular meeting location by at least one member of the body, chief legal counsel or chief administrative officer is not feasible.

Therefore, some or all of the City Council members may be participating by telephone or other electronic means.

To join by video conference, go to Cisco Webex website (www.webex.com), click on “join” in the upper right corner and enter information below (access will open at 5:00 p.m. and remain open until the conclusion of the Council Meeting):



- Enter meeting number: 126 131 1581
- Enter meeting password: QApWgtPn553 (72794876from phones and video systems)
 - Click Join Meeting

To join by phone, dial: +1-408-418-9388 (access will open at 5:00 p.m. and remain open until the conclusion of the Council Meeting):

- Access Code: 126 131 1581 #
- Press # for no attendee ID number

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

***October 19, 2020 ~ 5:15 p.m.
City Hall***

(Administration, Personnel, Legal, Finance, PEG Access, Municipal Liquor, Police & Fire)

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FIRE RELIEF PENSION
3. ADJOURN

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide leadership and coordination for the City Council in public policy areas related to:

- *Internal council policies and procedures*
- *External relations to other units of government and service providers*
- *Community governance and civic relations*
- *Advisory boards and commissions*

MEMO FROM THE BEMIDJI PIONEER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION

On 12/31/2019 audited Relief financials had approximately \$4,000,000 in assets and \$3,300,000 in liabilities base on the Relief's internal benefit level of \$8,150 per year of service, leaving the account about 22% over-funded.

The City and LGU's are currently guaranteeing a generous, but lesser, benefit level of \$7,337 per year of service, or about 134% overfunding.

The relief is currently requesting a 7% increase in the municipal guarantee to \$7,850, which if substituted in for \$7,337 value on 12/31/2019 would have left about 125% overfunding.

For transparency, the Relief also has a separate motion in front of our membership to raise our internal benefit level to \$8,750. Based on our current demographics and the \$8,750 benefit level it is projected that each year the relief will have an additional \$340,000 in liabilities and operating costs. The relief currently receives approximately \$200,000 in state supplemental and state aid dollars for fire pensions. With a conservative market return estimate of 4% on \$4,000,000 we will return approximately \$160,000 per year. This return plus state aid dollars covers the annual liability costs of the \$8,750 benefit level.

Our 9/30/20 fund balance was approximately \$4,300,000, this amount does not include the \$200,000 state aid dollars as they arrived in October.

Ben Hein, President
Karl Mork, Treasurer