

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

City of Bemidji and Beltrami County

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

A special meeting of the Bemidji City Council and the Beltrami County Board was held on Tuesday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building.

Councilmembers present: Larson, Johnson, Hellquist, Albrecht, Negard, Waldhausen
Absent: Thompson

Board members present: Fairbanks, Frost, Anderson, Vene, Lucachick

Staff Present: County Auditor Kay Mack, County Attorney Tim Faver,
City Manager John Chattin, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Others Present: Miriam Ridge, KRLS; Paul Ericsson, Librarian

County Commissioner Fairbanks opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the purpose of the meeting to discuss items of mutual interest.

Old Pilings in Lake Irving

Fairbanks stated that he has contacted DNR representatives regarding the pilings in Lake Irving. DNR indicated that they would take care of the paperwork and permitting requirements. Fairbanks stated that the Board would like the City to be a partner in the cost of removing the pilings. After discussion, the City Council agreed to be a partner in the cost of removal of the pilings. Fairbanks will follow-up with the DNR. Mack and Chattin were directed to work on removal of the pilings.

Library Support

Commissioner Anderson stated that a need has been identified for an additional employee at the library and the County, while they did not budget for it in 2013, would be interested in sharing the cost with the City. Discussion continued and it was decided that both the City and County would look at budgeting for an additional library staff person in the 2014 budget process.

Airport Update

Lucachick provided an update on the status of the FBO at the Airport. He stated that they are in negotiations with Bemidji Aviation and hope to resolve the lease issue by the end of the year. He further commented although not desired, the Airport Authority will look at other FBOs if no solution is reached with the current FBO.

Other Discussion Items

Hellquist inquired about the County application process for using timber money for grants. Vene stated that the applicants must meet the county's guidelines, i.e., tourism, agriculture or economic development. The City will continue discussing its granting of liquor store funds at an upcoming work session.

Chattin reported that no further discussions with Opus have occurred regarding the sale of the Old Fairgrounds.

Fairbanks reported that the County has narrowed down the search for a new administrator to four applicants.

Future Meetings

After discussion, the County and City members agreed to try to meet three times a year.

ADJOURN

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk