

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**Work Session – Monday, October 29, 2018**

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Hellquist, Lehmann, Erickson. Absent: Johnson, Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Al Felix, Public Works Director/Engineer Craig Gray, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Utility Superintendent Todd Anderson

Others: Denise Koenigsberg, WSN; Brian Lemon Barr Engineering

Mayor Albrecht stated the purpose of the work session was to discuss the Alternate Well Siting Study and the Carnegie Update/Change Order.

Motion by Lehmann, seconded by Hellquist to amend the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

**Carnegie Update/Change Order**

Gray presented Changer Order No. 1 for the Carnegie Reconstruction Project 18-07 which includes tuck pointing and repair of loose brick as well as chimney demo work to avoid collapse. The chimney repair will be done next spring. The total change order results in a net deduct of \$9,751.10; however, there are issues that will be contract additions for future council consideration. The original project bid award included \$86,000 contingency funds. The change order will result in increasing that amount to \$95,750. Council and staff discussed briefly the anticipated additional costs to the project.

**Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Erickson to approve change order number one for the Carnegie Library Reconstruction – City Project 18-07 of a net deduct amount of \$9,751.10. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Meehlhause, Hellquist, Lehmann, Erickson, Albrecht. Absent: Johnson, Larson**

**Review of Alternate Well Siting Study**

Brian Lemon from Barr Engineering provided a presentation and recommendation for a short term solution in response to the contamination issues of the current wells. There are currently two wells being used at this time. They looked at several possible sites for a new well; three being on or near the airport property, one near the high school and one near the middle school. The high school and middle school sites were eliminated due to the high cost of connecting to the other wells. The recommended new well site is located just north of the existing wells and away from the potential contaminated watershed area. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,150,000. The new well could be online by August of 2019. Funding for the new well will come from the water reserves fund. Council and staff discussed long term well solutions and the possible need to treat iron and manganese, due to MDH guidelines or water quality complaints of citizens. The city will need to start planning for a possible \$8 million iron and manganese treatment plant. Water main extensions currently in the CIP will need to be put on hold until the water quality issues are compliant.

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause to authorize the professional services agreement with Barr Engineering for design, development, and construction of a new well located north of the existing wells at the airport property. Motion carried.**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Lehmann, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
City Clerk