

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – October 6, 2014

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 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, 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 Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Erickson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **MINUTES**

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	September 15, 2014
Sp Work Session	September 15, 2014
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**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of **\$1,423,442.88**
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of **\$25,955.02**
3. 1 Day Temporary Consumption & Display Permit – Chamber on 10/14/14
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5908:** Adopting Assessment Roll for Delinquent Utility Accounts Reflecting Costs for Services Provided During the Year 2014
5. Authorized Acceptance of the Agreement for MN Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant – Bemidji Carnegie Library Rehabilitation for Design Services
6. Awarded Outdoor Warning Siren System Study to West Shore Services, Inc. (\$7,290)

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

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

Mike Bredon, 317 Beltrami Avenue NW, stated that he is a member of the “Nameless Coalition for the Homeless” and wished to convey their concerns regarding a shelter for inebriants in Bemidji. He stated due to chronic alcoholism two more people died recently in our community.

Olson stated that the Center City Housing will be visiting with the County and perhaps on a future work session or council meeting to discuss emergency housing needs. Albrecht stated that the City Clerk can check to see if there is a work session to discuss this further.

Chattin stated that he recently met with Center City staff and discussed potential sites for a shelter. One of those properties is owned by the City and situated on the west end of the rail corridor. He stated that it has also been suggested that a City building could be a tenant location but he would like the City Attorney to weigh in regarding the City’s liability if that were allowed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Save the Carnegie Committee** – Lew Crenshaw, Chair, stated that to date the group has raised \$760,000. He reviewed a vision that was brought to the group by the Chief Bemidji Committee. The Carnegie Library is not only an historic building but resides on an historic site. The Committee intends to create an ongoing exhibit of regional Native American history and culture as well as those who settled there later. In addition, the exhibit will share

the history of the Carnegie Library. There will be a separate group to oversee the exhibit development. He noted that a \$20,000 donation from Carolyn F. Jacobs Culture and Humanity Fund was received. A letter with Ms. Jacobs' donation stated, "This additional donation is in support of the inclusion of an Ojibwe Exhibit at the Carnegie." Fundraising continues and the Committee will begin the process of developing an RFP for the design phase per the Legacy Grant.

Erickson asked if thought had been given to exhibit about other cultures in the region. Crenshaw stated that the History Center provides those exhibits and the goal is to emphasize the history of the Carnegie site. Hellquist asked if the exhibit would be self-sustaining. Crenshaw replied that the exhibit maintenance will be low cost.

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Kia Hanson, BYA representative, provided an update on recent Commission activities. She stated that they are receiving positive feedback from their liaisons.

BSU Student Senate – Jenna Long, Senate Co-President, provided an brief update on the upcoming BSU Homecoming activities planned for October 18. She stated that they are developing a formal resolution that she will bring to the council regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

Librarian's Report - Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, reviewed the 2015 budget stating that there is a shortfall of \$8,000 from the County. He stated that he has ways to deal with this shortage if needed. Ericsson briefly reviewed this month's programs and events.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Assessments – Lot Maintenance, Etc.**

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 Albrecht opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m. and with no comments closed with the Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5909: Adopting Assessment Roll for Costs Associated with Lot Maintenance, and Other Miscellaneous Work done by the City on Private Property in 2014 was offered by Councilmember Hellquist, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Erickson was passed by unanimous vote.**

### **Detachment Certain Parcels in Bemidji Twsp**

Felix stated as a result of an on-going effort to implement the terms of the Mediated Settlement Agreement reached with Bemidji Township concerning the Phase I annexation parcels under the Joint Orderly Annexation Agreement, the Council has a resolution before them prepared by Legal Counsel initiating the detachment of those parcels mutually agreed upon to be eligible for detachment and which parcel owners have petitioned to be detached.

Mayor Albrecht noted that there are 536 acres and 266 residents included in the areas to be detached and returned to Bemidji Township.

Olson asked how long will the detachment take? Felix stated that looking at the maps will take some consideration by the Municipal Boundary board. There are unusual circumstances that may require more information and may take longer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5910: A Resolution of the City of Bemidji Initiating Detachment of Certain Lands in the City Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 414.06 (Bemidji Township) was offered by Councilmember Thompson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Hellquist was passed by unanimous vote.**

### **2015 Street Renewal Project**

Gray stated that the goal each year is to select the upcoming street segments in the fall so that the preliminary survey information can be done. He highlighted what has been completed in the first six years of the annual program: 351 homes with new roadway improvements, 5.5 miles of city streets reconstructed with a total investment in our infrastructure and neighborhoods of \$7,621,988. Gray stated that the street segments that are proposed to be included for the study are: Sherman Drive (Lake Avenue to Piper Drive NE), White Birch Avenue (Sherman Drive to Elliot Road) and Piper Drive NE (Sherman Drive to Elliot Road). After completion of the feasibility report staff will hold a neighborhood meeting to outline the proposed project to the affected property owners.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5911: A Resolution Ordering Report on 2015 Street Renewal Project was offered by Councilmember Erickson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Thompson was passed by unanimous vote.**

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 103, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE Amending the 2014 Fee Schedule Ordinance by Adoption of an Electric and Gas Utility Fee Increase from 4.5% to 5.0% of Monthly Gross Revenues was given a final reading and passed by the following vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Thompson, Olson, Johnson. Nays: Erickson Hellquist.

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, approving the publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 103, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 104, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE Amending an Uncoded Section of the Bemidji City Code (Authorizing the Sale of Real Property) (Mathew Hemstad) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Thompson, approving the publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 104, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 105, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE mending an Uncoded Section of the Bemidji City Code (Authorizing the Sale of Real Property) (Michael & Linda Ettesvold) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Erickson, approving the publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 105, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 106, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE mending an Uncoded Section of the Bemidji City Code (Authorizing the Sale of Real Property) (Dennis & Joyce Kramer) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**Motion by Olson, seconded by Johnson, approving the publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 106, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Monday, October 13 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Firefighters Relief Association & Review of Executive Search Firm RFPs
- Monday, October 20 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Gray stated that he has heard back from 20 cities of which 17 allow new irrigation wells. His recommendation is to allow them.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk