

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Work Session – November 14, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice, a work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, November 14, 2016, 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, Johnson, Erickson, Larson Absent: Olson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director Craig Gray, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Mayor Albrecht stated that the purpose of the work session was to discuss Birchmont Drive re-assessments as well as the 2017 Street Renewal Project.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Meehlhause, to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) for the purpose of discussing with the City's Attorney regarding threatened or pending litigation with regards to Birchmont Drive Assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

Via Phone: Jason Kuboushek, Attorney, Iverson Law

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Erickson, to reopen the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 Street Renewal Project

Gray reviewed the design proposed for the Delton Avenue reconstruction project. He stated that his goal is to get either a sidewalk or a trail included as part of the road reconstruction. Delton Avenue is a state aid road that limits the City's ability regarding road width. The current road width is 40 feet and he is proposing that the construction remain within the existing corridor. An area of concern is the area between 22nd and Paul Bunyan Drive as the businesses in this area use the roadway for parking. No action was needed by the Council at this time.

#BemidjiRespect

Mayor Albrecht informed the Council that she has been contacted by several people regarding an increase in of hostility and harassment in our community. A small group is organizing to gather support and stand together as a community of respect. Other community organizations and businesses are also being contacted in this regard. She stated that she was bringing this to the Council for information only at this time.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk