

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Work Session – November 14, 2022

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, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Prince presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Prince, Thayer (5:32), Peterson, Johnson, Rivera, Eaton, Jourdain.

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Katie Nolting, Assistant City Attorney Andrea Kingbird, City Clerk Michelle Miller.

Mayor Prince stated that the purpose of the work session to discuss Tribal Flags at City Hall.

Tribal Flags at City Hall

Mathews provided a brief summary of the past conversations of council regarding tribal flags and also stated that Cloquet and Duluth have approved the flying of the tribal flag in their facilities. Council provided the following comments:

- Peterson and Eaton support the flying tribal flags at City Hall but suggests further discussion on where in City Hall
- Thayer supports flying tribal flags in Chambers
- Johnson supports flying tribal flags in City Hall
- Rivera supports flying tribal flags in City Hall either in Chambers or in the lobby
- Jourdain supports flying tribal flags in Chambers
- Prince supports flying tribal flags in City Hall but suggests creating a policy to address other requests for flags

Consensus of council was in support of flying tribal flags in City Hall with staff doing further research on the question of policy.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Peterson seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk