

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – November 5, 2018

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, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Parks and Recreation Director Marcia Larson, Recreation Coordinator Jamie Anderson, City Clerk Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Regular Council: October 15, 2018

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Erickson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Staff requested to add the reappointment of John Knorr to the Airport Authority Board. The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$1,375,189.91
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$114,921.45
3. Business Licenses for 2019
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 6184:** Approving a Minnesota Premises Permit for Lawful Gambling for Ralph Gracie, American Legion Post 14 at 1230 23rd Street NW
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 6185:** Adopting Assessment Roll for Water/Sewer Deferred Assessment Fees (Connections Completed in 2018)
6. Approve Purchase of Security System and Shelving for New Liquor Store
7. Approve Roof Repairs for the Rako Street Training Facility
8. Appointment of Ara Gallo to the Heritage Preservation Commission
9. Approve Purchase of Chairs for Library
10. Reappointment of John Knorr to the Airport Authority Board

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

John Knorr, Chair of the Airport Authority Board, thanked the council for reappointing him to the airport authority. He reported that airport ridership is continuing to increase and is excited about the growth at the airport.

REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Mia Haugen reported that they are currently working on amending their Bylaws. She stated that while there are only three members on the youth advisory commission they have been busy volunteering in the community including working at the general election on November 6. Commission members continue to work on member recruitment.

Recreation Update – Jamie Anderson, Recreation Coordinator, presented an update on recreation activities over the year. Recreation numbers continue to grow, especially with the Kids in Motion summer day camps which has a waiting list for all ten weeks. Staff is reviewing how to increase the number of programming to bring those kids into camps. They are building partnerships with BSU and other organizations and businesses in the community to offer a wide range of activities and experiences.

ORDINANCE

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist accepting the revised Fee Schedule Ordinance pertaining to water rates, holiday field use fee and stormwater administrative fine violations. Motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding an Ordinance Amending Fee Schedule for 2019. Mayor Albrecht opened the Public Hearing at 6.33 p.m.

- Andrew Erholtz, 422 4th Street SE, President of the Headwaters Landlord Association, proposed a revised fee schedule as it relates to rental permit fees on a per unit scale, providing more separation between the smaller rentals and the larger rentals.
- Harry Aylesworth, also spoke about the rental permit fee and supports the proposal from the Headwaters Landlord Association.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Albrecht closed the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE Amending Fee Schedule for 2019 was given a second reading.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, November 13** 5:15 p.m. Canvassing Board
- **Tuesday, November 13** 5:30 p.m. Work Session (JPB Budget)
- Monday, November 19 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Mathews provided an update on the Ottertail Power Solar Array Project. He spoke with broker, Bob Kiewatt, and he rates the proposed lot as a “C-“ lot and feels it is priced high. Mathews stated that Ottertail Power is still interested in the lot and stated that Ottertail Power usually budgets \$500 a year for these leases.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Lehmann, seconded by Meehlhause, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk