

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Work Session – December 11, 2017

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, December 11, 2017, 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, Hellquist, Johnson, Erickson, Larson Absent: Plemel, Meehlhause

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director Craig Gray, Planning Director Casey Mai, Assistant Planner Cory Boushee, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Mayor Albrecht stated that the purpose of the work session was to hear updates from the Joint Planning Office.

Planning Director Mai reviewed the positives and negatives going on in our community, their challenges and successes. He stated that it has been a busy year for commercial and multi-family developments and they anticipate a number of large development proposals for this spring. He noted that they are continuing to see the amount of rental units (single family and multi-family) grow at a faster rate than owner occupied.

Mai stated that a complete zoning ordinance overhaul will be completed after the comprehensive plan is completed. However, this spring they will correct only items in the zoning ordinance. The complete overhaul will be a more in-depth analysis of zoning districts based on future land use map, increase clarity and usability of ordinance.

Council members discussed their expectations for the Joint Planning office. In particular, they discussed the future and growth of the City to make a better community.

Mathews stated that he is proposing the addition of a Community Development Director. He currently is updating the job description and anticipates hiring this position in late summer 2018. Specifically, the position will be a department head over the building, planning and GIS offices.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk