

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – February 21, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Larson presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Larson, Waldhausen, Johnson, Hellquist, Albrecht, Thompson. Absent: Negard

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Larson called for any amendments to the agenda. The following items were requested to be added to the consent agenda:

- Claims Submitted by Sanford Center in the amount of \$725,027.67
- 1-4 day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – BSU on 3/31/12

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Albrecht, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 6, 2012 Council Meeting and February 13, 2012 Work Session were presented for approval. **Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Thompson, 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 \$351,656.35
2. Business License Renewals for 2012
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 5749:** Accepting Grant or Devise of Real Property (JMD Investments LLC for Clausen Avenue Trail Purposes)
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5750:** Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Office of Justice Programs
5. Sponsorship of Bemidji Day at the Capitol 2012 in the amount of \$250
6. Claims Submitted by Sanford Center in the amount of \$725,027.67
7. 1-4 day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – BSU on 3/31/12

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Hannah Lash, BYA Member, provided a summary of the successful event held on February 17 at the Boys & Girls Club for high school age students. They raised \$400 which will be used for the annual summer event held on June 7.

BSU Student Senate – No one appeared.

NEW BUSINESS

Sanford Medical Bond

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the South Dakota Health and Educational Facilities Authority for Sanford and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Documents in Connection Therewith. Larson opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Craig Boyer, Chief Financial Officer for Sanford Medical, spoke to their request to refinance the 2002 bonds. He stated that it is a good environment for lower interest rates.

Hearing no additional comments the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 5751: Authorizing Issuance of Revenue Bonds on behalf of Sanford Medical was offered by Councilmember Hellquist, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Albrecht was passed by unanimous vote.

Lake Bemidji West Shore Trail Lights – City Project 12-06

Gray commented that the City received two quotes for the installation of four lights along the Lake Bemidji West Shore Trail. The lights will be installed in a dark area where the trail traverses down the wooded slope behind BSU. BSU has committed to funding 50% of the project costs, up to \$20,000. The following quotes were received:

	<u>Base Price</u>	<u>LED Lamps</u>
Bessler Brothers Electric	\$17,640	\$3,150
Wiebolt Electric, Inc.	\$23,765	\$3,250

Gray recommends awarding the project to Bessler Brothers Electric and including the LED lamps in the project, bringing the low contractor quote to \$20,790. Hellquist expressed concern regarding the cost of the bulbs versus the lumens per square foot in the LED bulbs than compact fluorescent or high pressure sodium bulbs.

Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Johnson, authorizing staff to award the contract to Bessler Brothers Electric in the amount of \$20,790 and authorized the city engineer to evaluate the most cost effective alternative in regards to the LED lamps. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire District Funding

Chattin stated that one of the issues that will be lobbied for at Bemidji Day at the Capital will be statewide LGU funding options for fire districts and recommended the Council consider a resolution of support.

RESOLUTION NO. 5752: Supporting Assessment Authority from the Minnesota State Legislature for Local Units of Government and Fire Districts to Fund Fire Departments was offered by Councilmember Thompson, who moved its adoption and upon due second by Councilmember Hellquist was passed by unanimous vote.

Appointments to City Boards & Commissions

City Council requested that Staff prepare a policy Establishing Procedures for Appointments to City Boards & Commissions. A policy was presented to Council for their approval and adoption. In the policy it sets forth the general policy statement, general guidelines, advertising guidelines, application process, appointment process, residency requirements, terms and vacancies/resignations.

Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Thompson, adopting the Policy Establishing Procedures for Appointments to City Boards & Commissions. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Waldhausen, Hellquist, Johnson, Albrecht, Thompson, Larson. Absent: Negard.

Joint Planning Commission Appointments

Council discussed the process for appointments to the Joint Planning Commission. The consensus was that the Public Affairs Committee would review the seven applications, select three to interview and conduct the interviews.

ORDINANCES

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article V, of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Boards, Commissions and Committees, by adding Division 10, entitled “Public Arts Commission” was given a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 78, 3RD SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Establishing New Ward Boundaries Pursuant to 2010 Census and 2012 Congressional/Legislative Redistricting Plan of the Bemidji City Code was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Waldhausen, authorizing the City Clerk to publish a summary of Ordinance No. 78, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

Pine Ridge Street Vacation

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hellquist, accepting the revised Ordinance regarding the street vacation. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 79, 3RD SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Amending an Uncoded Section of Bemidji City Code Pertaining to a Street Vacation (Portion of Pine Ridge Avenue NW) of the Bemidji City Code was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Thompson, authorizing the City Clerk to publish a summary of Ordinance No. 79, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, March 5 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting
- Monday, March 12 5:30 p.m. Work Session

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on their commission/committee assignments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk