

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**Special Meeting**  
**February 29, 2016**

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Building Conference Room.

All Councilmembers were present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, Larson. Also Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Sanford Center Executive Director Curtis Webb.

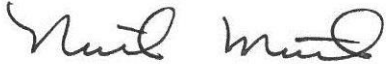
The Council met to discuss the development of strategy regarding the establishment of a hospitality tax. Estimated special tax revenues, clarity of use and purpose, and the existing special Sales and Use/Lodging tax that exist in Bemidji were discussed.

Council discussed the relationship between a potential new use/hospitality tax on food and beverages and the current lodging tax. In addition, Council discussed the various marketing/promotional needs and dynamics in Bemidji, a potential timeline to consider with the Legislature regarding a new hospitality tax, various options moving forward regarding special local use taxes, including the Council's desire to reorganize the current contract regarding the management of the City Lodging Tax.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan Mathews  
City Manager