

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – February 4, 2013

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, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Hellquist, Erickson, Thompson

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Police Chief Mike Mastin, City Clerk Kay Murphy

#### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

Mayor Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda. Mayor Albrecht requested the addition of a presentation of Bemidji Police Chief Mike Mastin and the removal of the First Reading of the Ordinance dealing with Tap Rooms and Off-Sale Malt Liquor. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 22, 2013 regular meeting and January 28, 2013 special meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by Erickson, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Murphy administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Ward 4 Councilor Reed Olson. Olson was counted as present and the meeting continued.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$871,151.07
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$86,146.08
3. General Business Licenses Renewals for 2013
4. Appointment to Parks & Trails Commission – Councilor Olson
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5814:** Accepting Donation from the Event Center Committee for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$45,000
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5815:** Authorizing Short Term Loan to Bemidji Regional Airport (\$380,000)
7. Travel Authorization – Airport Legislative Action Day - January 30 – Johnson
8. Travel Authorization - MN Bike Alliance Summit – February 25 - Albrecht

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

Bill Batchelder, 2405 Carol Drive NE and owner of Bemidji Woolen Mills, requested that the Council consider passing a resolution opposing Governor Dayton's 2013 budget proposal, proposed Senate File #9, and the proposed Senate File #11, regarding the expansion of the Minnesota State sales tax on clothing. He stated that he believes it will have a devastating effect on his business and result in unintended negative consequences to the remaining American clothing manufacturers in Minnesota. Along with Mr. Batchelder were Joe Dunn, 515 Waterfront Way and Art Sigette, 708 Woodland Avenue.

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hellquist, to discuss Governor Dayton's budget proposal regarding sales tax on clothing at the next work session. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **PRESENTATION**

Chief Mastin updated the Council on the Police Department's strategic plan. He stated that the Police Department is committed to active partnerships with the community in order to protect life and property, innovatively solve problems, enhance the safety and quality of life and to provide exemplary police service by enforcing the law in a just and impartial manner.

He stated that the department has recruited and hired eight police officers and two parking officers from diverse backgrounds. Veteran officers have worked diligently to handle the ever increasing workload and shift vacancies while mentoring and training new officers.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission** – Hanna Lash, BYA representative, stated that the BYAC is focusing on the June 7 event. In particular, lining up bands, activities and advertising for the event.

**BSU Student Senate** – Senate Co-Chairs Carrie Cooper and Nick Nelson, highlighted the following activities at BSU: establishment of a campus food shelf for BSU students and the implementation of a program to send students overseas to work and take classes in China. The Student Senate meets every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Crying Wolf Room and Council members are welcome to attend.

**Librarian's Report** - Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, stated that the Library partners on events with many groups in the community, i.e., Headwaters Science Center, the school district.

### **ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance Amending the City of Bemidji Council-Manager Charter Amending Section 4.04 (Filing for Office) to Reflect Recent Legislative Change of Primary Election Date was given a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 85, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Chapter 4 (Alcoholic Beverages) and Chapter 12 (Business and Licensing) of the Bemidji City Code by Adding Criminal History Background Requirements for City Employment and Certain City License Applicants was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

- **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hellquist, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 85, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Monday, February 11                      5:30 p.m.              Work Session – JPB Funding Formula
- Tuesday, February 19                    7:00 p.m.              Regular Council Meeting
- Thursday, February 21                  7:00 p.m.              Annual Joint City-Rural Fire Meeting at Fire Hall

### **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk