

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – March 19, 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, March 19, 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, Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:
Council Meeting March 5, 2018

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$459,681.29
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$56,033.84
3. Miscellaneous Liquor License Consumption & Display (Set Up) Permit
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 6142:** Revoking Municipal State Aid Streets
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 6143:** Designating State Aid Streets
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6144:** Authorizing the City of Bemidji to Host An Americorps Member from the Minnesota Greencorps Program with the MPCA
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 6145:** Opposing Proposed 2018 Special Legislation which would Authorize Hubbard County's Issuance of an Off-Sale Liquor License in Contravention of the One (1) Mile Limit Under Minn. Statue Section 340.A.405, Subd. 2(e)
8. Purchase of a 2015 Honda CR-V LX from Honda of Bemidji in the amount of \$21,943.27
9. Purchase of a Flail Mower from Diamond Mowers, Sioux Falls, SD in the amount of \$7,022
10. Travel Authorization – LMC Annual Conference – St. Cloud – June 20-22 - Albrecht, Johnson, Meehlhause

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Victoria Roy reported on upcoming activities, fundraising, member recruitment. Ms. Roy stated they are planning a meet and greet for the Council and Commission members at Evergreen.

BSU Student Senate - Lawrence Hamberger, BSU Senator, updated the Council regarding Senate activities.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dave Hengel, Greater Bemidji, introduced Joe Lally, Vice President with Delta Dental. Mr. Lally stated that they plan to create 150 plus jobs in Bemidji with wages ranging from \$15-\$33/hour with a generous fringe benefit package.

Pursuant to published notice a public hearing was held regarding concerning submittal of an application to MN Department of Employment and Economic Development for a Grant under the MN Investment Fund (MIF) Program. Mayor Albrecht opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m. Hearing no comments the Mayor closed the Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 6146: Authorizing Submittal of Application to MN Department of Employment and Economic Development for Funding was offered by Councilmember Lehmann, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Johnson was passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 6147: Approving a Job Creation Application in Connection with Stratacor was offered by Councilmember Meehlhause, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Larson was passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne Street Sanitary Sewer Extension – Project 18-05

Sam Anderson, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the project for extending sanitary sewer on the north side of Anne Street, beginning at Pine Ridge Avenue and heading east to Greenleaf Avenue. The following bids were received:

Reierson Construction	\$104,153.56
Sparky’s Construction	\$120,642.25
Casper Construction	\$129,300.00
Gladen Construction	\$157,585.35

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Hellquist, awarding the bid to Reierson Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$104,153.56 for the Anne Street Sewer Extension – City Project 18-05. Motion carried unanimously.

Carnegie Restoration – Project 18-07

Gray reviewed the bids on the Carnegie Library restoration project. He stated that the bids are over budget with a shortfall between \$1,067,371-\$1,402,244 and based on the significant increase in project costs it is recommended that the Council pass a motion rejecting all of the bids for the Carnegie project.

Councilor Lehmann asked the Friends of the Library how much time the Committee would need to explore other options.

Cathy Marchand, Treasurer for Friends of the Carnegie, responded that the group would need a couple of months to look at other options and discuss it with the State Historical Preservation office.

Motion by Lehmann, seconded by Larson, to reject all bids and send back to the Committee with an extension until June 1, 2018, at which time they may consider other options. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Felix noted that in a letter from Carleton Companies, Inc., they state that they are a qualified bidder. He asked the Council if they would consider this bid if, in fact, they are qualified. Consensus of the Council was they would reject the bid.

City Liquor Store –Project 17-13

Gray stated the Council approved a contract with DSGW Architects for design and construction services of a new liquor store. The RFP that the City sent out assumed a 9,000 square foot store with a project budget of \$1.7 million. As staff has progressed through the design and development the square footage of the store has increased to 16,300 sf, which includes a partial basement at an estimated project cost of approximately \$4.1 million. Due to the large increase in project scope, additional design fees are warranted to the design team. Construction services will also be increase due to a longer project timeframe. Gray stated that he has negotiated the following revised fees with DSGW:

Design Services:	\$164,400	(4.0% of project costs)
Construction Services:	<u>\$ 41,100</u>	(1.0% of project costs)
	\$205,500	

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Meehlhause, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a revised agreement with DSGW for a revised total amount of \$205,500 for City Project #17-13. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Meehlhause, Johnson, Larson, Albrecht. Nays: Hellquist, Lehmann, Erickson.

5th Street Reconstruction – Project 18-06

Sam Anderson reviewed the 5th Street Reconstruction project located between Bemidji Avenue and Beltrami Avenue. The project includes replacing the existing bituminous pavement, curb & gutter and utilities including a watermain that is approximately 120 years old along with updates to the sanitary sewer and storm sewer as well. The following bids were received:

Reierson Construction	\$292,557.90
Casper Construction	\$325,000.00
Gladen Construction	\$326,840.95

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Johnson, to award the bid to Reierson Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$292,557.90 for the 5th Street NW Reconstruction – City Project #18-06. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE Granting a Franchise to Paul Bunyan Communications in the City of Bemidji; Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of the Franchise, Providing for Certain Service Regulations; and Prescribing Penalties for the Violation of the Provisions Herein was given a first reading.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, March 26 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Closed pending litigation
- **Tuesday**, March 27 5:30 p.m. Work Session – St. Paul Port Authority
- Monday, April 2 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Larson, seconded by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
Deputy City Clerk