

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**Regular Meeting – March 2, 2015**

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 2, 2015 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, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, Larson

Staff Present: City Attorney Alan Felix, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Clerk Kay Murphy

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were presented for approval:  
Council Meeting February 17, 2015

**Motion by Olson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes as revised. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$357,670.10
2. Claims Submitted by Venuworks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$40,717.35
3. General Business Licenses for 2015
4. Purchase of a Falcon 4-ton Patch Trailer from MacQueen Equipment in the amount of \$33,178.25
5. Appointment to HRA Board – Barbara Meuers
6. Regional Airport Authority Selection Process for Authority Chairman
7. **RESOLUTION 5937:** Supporting Dedicated State Funding for City Streets
8. Travel Authorization – PedMN Bicycle Conference, St. Paul on May 4 - Albrecht

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

No one appeared.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Councilor Meehlhause reported on the BYAC's activities which included March Listening Lunches and they will be assisting the Fire Department in providing 400 smoke detectors targeting low income single family homes. In addition, the group continues to work on sponsors for the June 7 event.

BSU Student Senate – Michelle Pirout, Student Affairs Co-Chair, reported that the Safety Task Force has met twice and continue to work on new policies.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**21<sup>st</sup> Street & Park Avenue Storm Sewer – Project #15-07**

City Attorney Felix reviewed the Public Works Director's memo regarding the 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Park Avenue Storm Sewer Project stating that the intersection has deteriorated and requires to be reconstructed. Engineering staff has designed the project and the following bids were received on February 17, 2015:

M&T Excavating, Inc.	\$ 90,053.78
Reierson Construction	\$108,358.21
Gordon Construction	\$177,756.00

Funding for the project will come from the stormwater utility fund (\$95,000) and the water and sanitary sewer fund (\$18,000) and is allocated within the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Motion Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, awarding the bid for City Project #15-07 to M&T Excavating, Inc., Cass Lake, in the amount of \$90,053.78. Motion carried unanimously.**

Paul Bunyan Expressway

Felix stated that the Council had already passed a resolution in 2013. He received a call from Rich Siegert requesting the Council consider appointing a Council representative to the Paul Bunyan Expressway Coalition. Mayor Albrecht recommended Councilor Larson be appointed and he accepted.

**Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hellquist, appointing Councilor Larson to the Paul Bunyan Expressway Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sanford Center Powwow

Mayor Albrecht provided an overview of the “Bemijigamaag Powwow” to be hosted at the Sanford Center on April 4 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. She asked that Council members who are able to attend and help serve dinner at 5 p.m. let the City Clerk know.

**ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 113, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the Sale of Real Property (N. Preuss) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 113, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, March 3     9:30 a.m.     City Manager Interviews (Chambers)
- Monday, March 9     3-4:30 p.m.     Meet & Greet for City Manager Finalists (Chamber)
- Monday, March 9     5:30 p.m.     City Manager Interviews (Finalists)
- Monday, March 16    6:00 p.m.     Council Meeting

**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Felix provided a brief update on the Birchmont Drive assessment stating that the Council will meet in a second closed session in April with Northern Township. Councilor Erickson expressed the desire to have a meeting with just Council and our Attorney to help get up to speed.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Olson, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk