

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – April 1, 2019

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, April 1, 2019 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, Beard, Johnson, Rivera, Thompson. Absent: Erickson

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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting: March 18, 2019

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Beard, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$312,143.69
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$62,056.95
3. General Business License Approvals (2019)
4. Temporary Liquor License Approvals (2019)
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 6215:** Authorizing Calendar Parking on Norwood Drive NE
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6216:** Repair or Remove Structure(s) Located at 605 2nd Street SE
7. Travel Authorization – 2019 MN Mayors Assn – April 26-27 – Albrecht
8. Travel Authorization – 2019 League Annual Conference – June 26-28 – Beard, Thompson

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No appearance.

REPORTS

Inclusive Playground Project

Daniel Roberts of Boy Scout Troop 25, presented a check to the City as a donation for musical playground equipment to be installed in the Inclusive Playground at the Paul Bunyan Park.

2018 Sanford Center Annual Report

Jeff Kossow, Executive Director of the Sanford Center, summarized the 2018 Annual Report for the Sanford Center. Kossow reviewed the 2018 Goal Performance with the use of the success pyramid, the implementation of the Sanford Center Board of Directors, as well subcommittees, and the growth of the convention center business. He noted that the 2018 goals fell short for the convention center, but have already seen an increase in bookings for 2019. They continue to work on core business revenues through the maximization of convention center business, building sponsorships and arena/ticket sales with a primary focus on group sales and suite sales. Staff continue to work on creating event summary reports for council. Kossow stated that the budget shows a deficit of \$21,734 citing lower attendance and snow removal costs contributing to the additional loss. Council and staff discussed questions and concerns regarding the deficit, challenges with finding and keeping part time staff, suite contracts and increasing summer events.

Update on Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

Dr. Patrick Welle, an economy professor at BSU, updated council on the legislation introduced in the new Congress called the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019. Additionally, in the recent months, there was a significant development in that over 3,500 U.S.

Economists signed on to support this policy. He highlighted the bipartisan participation for the bill and the five principles of the policy. He is calling on council to renew its support by passing an updated resolution for this legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Consenting to and Approving Transfer of Non-Disturbance Agreement

Felix stated that there has been a non-disturbance agreement in place regarding the former Kraus Anderson commercial retail building along the west side of Beltrami Avenue between First and Second Street NW and the roof overhang encroachment on the building. The current owner, Southerland Properties is selling the property to Frizzell LLC and the agreement calls for written consent from the City in order to transfer ownership.

RESOLUTION NO. 6217: Consenting to and Approving Transfer of Non-Disturbance Agreement was offered by Councilmember Meehlhause, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Thompson was passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE Amending an Uncoded Section of Bemidji City Code Pertaining to Street Vacation (Industrial Park) was given a first reading.

AN ORDINANCE Vacating/Revoking Ordinance No. 157, 3rd Series, and Amending an Uncoded Section of Bemidji City Code Pertaining to Alley Vacation was given a first reading.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, April 8 5:30 p.m. Work Session – 2018 Financial Review
- Monday, April 15 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, April 22 5:00 p.m. Board of Review
- Monday, April 22 6:00 p.m. Work Session – Ice Study
- Monday, April 29 5:30 p.m. Work Session (Closed) – City Mgr Review

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members and staff provided updates on current issues and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk