

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – April 16, 2012

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 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Larson presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Larson, Waldhausen, Johnson, Hellquist, Albrecht, Negard, Thompson

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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Larson called for any amendments to the agenda. City Clerk Murphy requested that the approval of claims submitted by Sanford Center and travel authorization for Councilors Albrecht, Thompson, Hellquist and Johnson to the LMC Conference be added to the Consent Agenda. **Motion by Waldhausen, seconded by Negard, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

Minutes from the regular meeting on April 2, 2012 and April 9, 2012 work session were submitted for approval. Hellquist stated that he would like to see the discussion regarding the annexation expanded to include points made by Councilor Johnson. City Clerk Murphy responded that she would revise her minutes regarding annexation, but asked that the minutes be tabled for approval until the May meeting.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hellquist, to approve the April 9, 2012 minutes as corrected and table approval of the April 2, 2012 Council minutes until May 7, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$283,509.06
2. Claims submitted by the Sanford Center in the total amount of \$41,284.84
3. Miscellaneous Business Licenses for 2012
4. Wine and 3.2 On Sale Beer Licenses for Giovanni's of Florida dba Giovanni's Pizza
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5761:** Approving the Site for the 2012 Kraus-Anderson Walleye Classic
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5762:** of the Bemidji City Council Officially Designating the American Indian Resource Center and National Guard Armory as Official Polling Places for Ward 1 and 2, Respectively
7. Council Travel Authorization – LMC Conference in Duluth – June 20-22 – Hellquist, Johnson, Albrecht, Thompson

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Annikka Roy, BYA representative, reported on the June 7 Youth Day to be held at City Park.

BSU Student Senate – Carrie Cooper and Nick Nelson, introduced themselves as the 2012-2013 BSU Student Senate Co-Presidents. Ms. Cooper stated that their number one priority in 2012 will be encouraging students to “get out and vote”. In addition, they will be encouraging Student Senators to be more involved in the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Save the Carnegie Steering Committee

Lew Crenshaw, Chair of the Save the Carnegie Committee, provided an update on the current committee. The Committee has met a couple of times and has developed a mission statement and designed a website and methods for receiving donations. He stated that an important step

in the process is for the Council to officially designate the Save the Carnegie Committee as an ad hoc committee, working under the guidance of the City Council, to lead a project to restore and preserve the Bemidji Carnegie Library. The following names were presented for appointment to the Save the Carnegie Library Committee:

Lew Crenshaw, Chair
 Cathy Marchand, Treasurer
 Alan Brew, Heritage Preservation Commission
 Sandy Kaul, Public Art
 Sharon Geisen, Beltrami Historical Society
 Roy C. Booth, Downtown Business Owner
 Mike Bredon, Upstream TV
 David Gurney, Facebook/Fundraising
 Sue Liapis, Grants
 Cindy Serratore
 Kay Murphy, City Clerk/Staff liaison

Crenshaw further stated that the members on this committee may change and expand as the project progresses.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Johnson, creating a Save the Carnegie Committee Steering Committee as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Standing Committees

Chattin proposed that the Council create seven standing committees which would provide an opportunity for departments to interact with council members. He suggested seven committees as there are seven council members and that they meet every other month. The meeting dates and times of the committees would be established to accommodate the council's schedule.

Discussion continued regarding the format of the committees with some Councilors stating that they liked the proposed format. Hellquist stated he is not in favor of seven committees or in favor in adding any more meetings. Hellquist suggested that the Council could better utilize the Public Affairs Committee and Public Works Committee already established.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Waldhausen, to discuss Standing Committees further at the May 14 Council work session. Motion carried unanimously.

Assignment of Hauling Contract

Felix stated that the City has been approached by Brad Lofgren, owner of Brad's Sanitation, regarding the transfer of his Refuse Hauling Agreement with the City of Bemidji to Waste Management. However, the City has not seen any request in writing.

Darrell Carter, Attorney for Brad's Sanitation, stated that their intent is to close on May 1 to transfer the assets, including trucks and customer lists.

Felix stated that in the 1970's, the City of Bemidji enacted an ordinance which would give it the exclusive right to haul refuse in city limits. Kummer's Landfill challenged that exclusivity and the court dictated that the City would either have to allow Kummer to continue operating or buy the business out. The City opted to allow Kummer to continue operating. Eventually, that business sold to Brad Lofgren and the grandfathered agreement remained in place. In 2007, the City and Brad's Sanitation enacted a refuse agreement through which Brad's provided commercial service and the City provided residential. Staff is in favor of transferring the Agreement with Brad's Sanitation to Waste Management.

Albrecht expressed concerns regarding the inability to control pricing. Felix responded that the City has never been able to set commercial rates.

No action was taken by the Council at this time.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, May 7 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, May 14 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Discuss Standing Committees

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Hellquist and Johnson reported on their recent attendance at the Airport Symposium. Johnson commented that the Airport received state recognition and an award.

- Albrecht reported on the results from the recent Deer Survey in Ward 4. Of the 174 surveys returned, approximately 57% were not in favor of a deer hunt.
- Felix provided letters to the Council responding to Bemidji Township and their attorney regarding the annexation.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kay M. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin blue rectangular border.

Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk