

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – April 18, 2016

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 18, 2016 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, Larson Absent: Erickson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, 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 Olson, to approve the agenda as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	April 4, 2016
Work Session	April 11, 2016

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$462,652.41
- 2) Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$74,794.89
- 3) Approval Business License Renewals for 2016
- 4) **RESOLUTION NO. 6007** Creating Two Precincts in Ward 3 and Establishing a Combined Polling Place
- 5) **RESOLUTION NO. 6008:** Changing the Polling Place for Ward 2 for the 2016 Elections
- 6) **RESOLUTION NO. 6009:** Authorizing Contamination Cleanup Grant and Accepting Responsibility as Sponsoring Agency (Rail Corridor)
- 7) Budget Modification #1
- 8) Appointment to the Heritage Preservation Commission – David Schafroth
- 9) Appointment to Public Arts Commission – Ester Aube
- 10) Re-roof of a Portion of City Hall – Bemidji Roofing (\$26,910)
- 11) Declared the following vehicles as Surplus: 2004 Dodge Durango and 2008 Chevy 1500 pickup
- 12) Purchase of Skid Steer Trailer from Sparks Sales (\$5,915)– Street Department

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

- Joey Wade, Onigum, expressed concerns about the comedian show, Ralphie May, that was “censored” by the City at Sanford Center. He stated that May’s work was “stolen and twisted”.
- Peter Ubara thanked the City Council for how the Ralphie May situation was handled.
- Roxanne Jack introduced herself as the new station manager for Upstream TV.

Mayor Albrecht stated that the Council and Venuworks did not have any conversations with Savage Nation but they did have discussions with Ralphie May prior to the decision to cancel the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sanford Center Annual Report

Mike Cronin, Associate Executive Director for the Sanford Center, reviewed the 2015 Sanford Center Annual Report noted the benchmarks that they wanted to achieve last year. In particular, it was one of the biggest sales for food and beverages. They have been

working with VisitBemidji and the Chamber on bringing conferences to the event center. Also, exceeded benchmarks with the number of events and attendance. The deficit has been reduced to \$325,000 and it is their goal to continue to reduce that amount. The economic impact to the community is just over \$22 million for the City and surrounding area. Cronin stated that the accomplishments at the Sanford Center could not have happened without the staff. He further noted that they are working with BSU on creating internship programs.

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Sarah McCollum, BYA representative, reported on progress for the June 7 event and other activities of the BYA.

BSU Student Senate – John Ellingboe reported on upcoming events on the campus. He noted that they have held elections for next year’s senate president and vice president.

NEW BUSINESS

23rd Street Resurfacing (City Project 15-12)

Public Works Director Gray stated that due to good prices that were received on the 2016 Street Renewal Project the City was able to go out for bids on the resurfacing of a deteriorated section of 23rd Street. The following bids were received:

Reierson Construction, Inc.	\$163,773.28
Knife River Materials	\$171,241.90
Mark Sand & Gravel	\$313,459.53

Gray stated that the project will be funded from the stormwater utility fund \$85,000

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Olson, awarded the bid for 23rd Street Resurfacing (City Project #15-12) to Reierson Construction in the amount of \$163,773.28. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding Amending the 2016 Fee Schedule. Mayor Albrecht opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

AN ORDINANCE Amending the 2016 Fee Schedule was given a second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 123, 3RD SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 4 of the Bemidji City Code Entitled, “Alcoholic Beverages” by Amending the Provisions Relating to Section 4-95 Sunday Sales was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 123, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, April 25 5:30 p.m. Special Work Session – City Manager’s Performance Review
- Monday, May 2 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Tuesday, May 3 5:00 p.m. Board of Review

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Councilor Johnson reported that a Task Force to discuss VisitBemidji will meet on Thursday, April 21.
- Mathews stated that an offer has been made and accepted for the Joint Planning Board Assistant Planner position.

CLOSE THE MEETING

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) for the purpose of discussing with the City Attorney threatened or pending litigation with regards to Bemidji Township. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting closed at 6:50 p.m.

Via Phone: Jim Thomson, Kennedy & Graven

The following individuals were in attendance: Mayor Albrecht, Councilors: Meehlhause, Hellquist, Johnson, Olson, Larson. Staff: City Manager Mathews, City Attorney Felix, Public Works Director Gray, City Clerk Murphy

**Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Olson, to reopen the meeting at 7:28 p.m.
Motion carried.**

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Larson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk