

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**Regular Meeting – April 20, 2020**

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 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding via video and telephone conference.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Rivera, Erickson. Absent: Thompson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Attorney Alan Felix, City Engineer Craig Gray, Assistant City Engineer Sam Anderson, City Clerk Michelle Miller

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were presented for approval:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Albrecht called for any items to be pulled from the consent agenda. The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Rivera, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$573,626.89
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$14,554.87
3. Approve General Business Licenses for 2020
4. Accept Independent Audit Report for the BPD Portable Recording System (BWC)

**Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Rivera, Erickson, Meehlhause, Albrecht, Johnson. Absent: Thompson**

**CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

No appearance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consider Award of Bid for America Avenue NW Reconstruction Project – City Project 20-05  
Anderson stated that last construction season, the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW and America Avenue NW was reconstructed. This project would proceed north one block from that completed intersection to 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The existing storm sewer system is deteriorated and needs to be replaced. The existing water and sewer within the project area will also be replaced, along with pedestrian access upgrades to meet current ADA guidelines. A bid opening was held on April 15 with the following bids being received:

Sparky's Construction: \$288,775.80  
Reierson Construction: \$298,611.10

The low base bid of \$288,775.80 will result in a total project cost of approximately \$332,000 after design engineering and construction inspection costs. Funding for the project will come from the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund (\$24,000), Storm Sewer Utility Fund (\$258,000) and Water Utility Fund (\$50,000).

**Motion by Erickson, seconded by Meehlhause, awarding the bid for the America Avenue NW Reconstruction Project – City Project 20-05 to Sparky's Construction, in the amount of \$288,775.80. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Meehlhause, Johnson, Rivera, Erickson, Albrecht. Absent: Thompson.**

Discuss Permitting of Special Events

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, staff brought the topic of permitting of special events to council regarding upcoming events in July and August. Most of those events are still planning on being held and event organizers are looking to staff to process applications for council consideration. Staff reported that all of the May and June events were either postponed or canceled by the event organizers. Upon discussion with staff and present event organizers, council consensus was to continue processing special event applications after May 4 and allow event organizers to determine if they will postpone or cancel their events scheduled in 2020.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Monday, April 27                      5:00 p.m.                      Board of Review
- Monday, April 27                      5:30 p.m.                      Work Session (City Manager Performance Review)
- Monday, May 4                         6:00 p.m.                      Council Meeting

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
City Clerk