

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting/Work Session – April 21, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting/work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, April 21, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Clerk Kay Murphy
Other Present: Kerry Ross, Director - Optivation

Mayor Albrecht stated that the purpose of the special work session was to get feedback from the Council regarding a strategic or goal setting session with Kerry Ross. The Mayor suggested that the Council provide ideas and suggestions for the session.

Kerry Ross stated that the Council met with her and department heads on January 14 and came up with several themes or issues that the City faces in moving forward. Ross has been working with the City Manager and Mayor regarding the next step. She suggested that the Council's next step is to establish a mission/vision that would serve as the groundwork in identifying priorities and budgeting or funding to meet those priorities. She stated that the identifying core values could make it easier to identify projects for the Council and provide tools for consistency to track and follow projects.

Hellquist pointed to a previous Council strategic planning session conducted by Bremeyer whereby the Council established a mission and core values.

Mayor Albrecht commented that she would like the Council to establish guiding principles on how they will act together when making decisions.

Ross stated that the existing mission, vision and core purpose, if available, would be a good starting point and proposed that the Council review and edit accordingly. Council agreed and also requested that the City Manager develop a template for department heads that will outline their department priorities and trends they envision for the future.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk