

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Work Session – May 14, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice, a work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Larson presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, GBJPB Director Mayana Rice, Public Works Director Craig Gray, Parks & Recreation Director Marcia Larson, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Legislative Update

Senator Tom Saxhaug gave a brief update on the 2012 Legislative session. He stated that items included for Bemidji in a \$500 million bonding bill were: planning and design of upgrades to BSU Memorial Hall, Lakeland TV, and reforestation.

Albrecht inquired as to the photo ID ballot question and if the State Legislators had addressed potential costs to the City of Bemidji. Senator Saxhaug responded that if voter ID passes the question of funding would be on next year's Legislative agenda.

Standing Committees

Chattin reviewed a proposal to set up standing committees that would meet on a regular basis to keep council members better informed. After discussion, the Council consensus was to assign departments to the existing Public Affairs and Public Works Committees as follows:

Public Affairs Committee:

- Administration, Personnel, Legal, Finance, PEG Access, Municipal Liquor, Police, Fire

Public Works Committee:

- Public Works (Refuse/Water/Sewer), GIS, Parks, Recreation, Arena, Building, Rental

The City Clerk was directed to setup a schedule whereby the Committees would meet every other month.

South Shore Marina

Chattin stated that in order for the City to establish any overnight dockage and/or marina on the south shore, a DNR permit must be obtained. He presented a map with three areas identified as most appropriate for overnight dockage and/or marina. He stated that both the Country Inn & Suites and potential housing developers have been inquiring as to the status of overnight dockage availability. Chattin recommended that the City submit its permit application so it is ready to proceed next spring.

Discussion continued with the Council consensus that an application be submitted to the DNR requesting a permit for two overnight dockage locations and a third location that could be a privately operated marina.

CGMC Conference

Chattin stated that in order for the City to submit an application to be the host city for the 2013 CGMC Conference the application must be submitted by May 18. In addition, the cost for the City to be the host is \$5,000.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Thompson, to submit an application to CGMC to host their conference in 2013 and to budget \$5,000 if Bemidji is selected. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk