

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – May 19, 2014

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, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

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| Council Meeting | May 5, 2014 |
| Sp Work Session | May 5, 2014 |
| Board of Review | May 6, 2014 |

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of **\$515,867.76**
2. Claims Submitted by Venuworks for the Sanford Center in the amount of **\$89,587.06**
3. General Business Licenses Renewals for 2014
4. Wine License for Keith's Pizza North
5. 1-Day Temporary Consumption & Display Permit – NW Minnesota Foundation – June 3
6. Approved Written Procedures for Maintaining Tax Exemption Status of City Bonds

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

Senator Saxhaug provided an overview of the 2014 Legislative Session that concluded on Friday, May 16. There were a number of accomplishments this session including the following:

- One time property tax relief to property owners and renters.
- Additional Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid to 83 of Minnesota's 87 counties with public-access boat landings.
- Slight Increase in Local Government Aid.
- \$250,000 in funding was set aside for communities to study the need for housing for veterans.

City Engineer Gray asked about the street improvement district which is supported by the Engineers Association and the League.

Senator Saxhaug responded that they did not get to it and one of the biggest hang ups is how the city will raise the money, i.e., sales tax. Saxhaug commented that the State is watching to see how efficiently cities are running.

Mayor Albrecht stated that the State Chamber needs to take the lead on developing our public infrastructure. She noted that the 429 assessment process does not work anymore for cities. It is a challenge to show benefit to property.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Vanessa Fairbanks, BYA representative, stated that the 14th annual June 7 (J7) event planning continues and the Commission is hoping to make this one the best yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining

Gray stated that this is a new project that the City will be undertaking. The Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes \$100,000 for slip lining of various sections of old clay tile sanitary sewer. The sewer mains run in between the back yards and narrow alleyways of homes and businesses and thus cannot be dug up and replaced. Many of these mains also have no recorded utility easements in place. Due to these conditions they cannot be dug up and repaired or replaced and Gray recommended that they be slip lined in place. The City received the following quotes for this project:

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| Visu-Sewer | \$74,232.80 |
| Veit Contracting | \$81,336.00 |

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Johnson, to award the quote for 2014 Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project to Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$74,232.80. Motion carried unanimously.

Neighborhood Storm Slip Lining

Gray stated that the city owns a 12” concrete storm sewer that runs east from Birchmont Drive and then outlets to Lake Bemidji. The pipe is approximately 270 feet in length. The storm sewer provides drainage for 23rd Street NE. The storm sewer was installed in the 1950’s and has severe deterioration. There is no known recorded easement for the pipe. The City received the following two quotes for this project:

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| Visu-Sewer | \$22,875.00 |
| Veit Contracting | \$26,600.00 |

Gray noted that funding for the project is in the 2014 Storm Water Utility budget.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Thompson, to award the quote for the 2014 Storm Sewer Slip Lining Project to Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$22,875. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, June 2 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, June 9 5:30 p.m. Work Session – 2015 Budget
- Monday, June 16 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

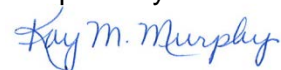
COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Johnson noted that the Lakeland Public TV groundbreaking will be on Wednesday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. reception following at the Sanford Center.
- Olson noted that he attended the Arbor Day planting at Gordon Falls Park on May 15.
- Mayor Albrecht noted the following additional meetings for the Council. June 23 at 5:00 p.m. the Strategic Planning Session and July 1 there will be a joint meeting with Beltrami County.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk