

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**Work Session – June 12, 2017**

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, June 12, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Erickson presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, City Engineer Craig Gray, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Miller

Lake Irving TMDL Presentation

Phil Votruba, MPCA, and Julie Blackburn with RESPEC, provided presentations regarding the impaired TMDL levels in Lake Irving. The study is part of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy. TMDL is the Total Maximum Daily Load of pollutants that a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards. The runoff sources into Lake Irving include, but are not limited to, the Mississippi River (64%), internal load (29%) and permitted wasteload (3%). The permitted wasteload is the City's contribution from the storm sewer under the MS4 permit. The reductions that will be required by the City will be retroactive from the baseline year of 2004 when the TMDL study started. Therefore, the City will receive credit from storm water work already done and will attain credit moving forward for compliance by completing storm water retrofits and other storm water projects. The RESPEC report suggests that Bemidji reduce their MS4 wasteload into Lake Irving by 36% or 265 pounds per year of phosphorus discharge. Currently, the City's discharge is 736 pounds per year reducing it to approximately 471 pounds per year. The MS4 permit with the updated TMDL limits could be effective in 2019 or 2020. The current permit expires in July 2018. Collectively, there are a lot of organizations and individuals responsible for improving Lake Irving, which in the end can help prevent Lake Bemidji from becoming an impaired lake.

Public Arts Commission Update

Members of the Public Arts Commission provided an update on work completed by the commission. They also discussed what the direction and expectations would be from the council of the PAC. Kaul stated that being an advisory board, the members of the commission can be called upon for their opinions due to their diverse backgrounds. Wildgen described the application process set forth to groups or individuals that are looking to commission an art project. Members of the commission see themselves as a resource for anyone in the community looking to commission a project. Mitch Blessing provided a quick overview of the pieces of the 2017 Sculpture Walk.

Consider Sanford Center Construction Amendment and Related Funding

**Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to approve the \$6,000 change order request for Sanford Center remodeling costs funded by contingency funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
Deputy City Clerk