

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – June 16, 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, June 16, 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, Meehlhause, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, Thompson

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Albrecht proclaimed June 21-22, 2014 as Bike Days in Bemidji.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda. Councilmember Erickson requested the following item be moved from the Consent Agenda for further discussion:

- Resolution Entering into a Limited Use Agreement with Mn/DOT for the TH197 Project

**Motion by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	June 2, 2014
Work Session	June 9, 2014

**Motion by Erickson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes as amended.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of **\$\$714,793.17**
2. Claims Submitted by Venuworks for the Sanford Center in the amount of **\$50,615.37**
3. General Business Licenses for 2014
4. Appointment to the Joint Planning Commission – Carla Norris-Raynbird
5. Re-Appointments to the Charter Commission – Casey McCarthy, Jackie Ryder
6. Travel Authorization – CGMC Summer Conference in Rochester – August 20-22 – Albrecht, Johnson

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

- Dan Rykowski, 2616 Calihan Avenue NE, expressed concerns about the downtown parking rules and the lack of overnight parking availability. He suggested seasonal parking be adopted.

Councilor Olson responded that the Downtown Business Alliance (DBA) is continually discussing the parking issues downtown. He suggested that Mr. Rykowski contact the BDA Chair, Denise Koenigsberg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Hannah Sorensen, BYA representative, thanked the City Council and Bemidji staff for their support and help for their recent June 7 event. She noted that the June 7 event attendance was lower which could be due to being on a Saturday. Discussion continued on why June 7 and Joe Czapiewski stated that the Council established by proclamation June 7 several years ago. He further commented that marketing is easier using June 7.

NEW BUSINESS

Filter Rehab Project – WWTF

Gray stated that the Wastewater Treatment Facility has six final effluent granular media gravity sand filters that are used to treat the wastewater prior to ultraviolet disinfection. Three of the filters have failed and need to be refurbished as soon as possible. The remaining three will need to be refurbished next year and included in the CIP. Staff has obtained quotes for the necessary materials and contracted repair. The following is a list of items to be purchased:

Stainless Steel Manway from WesTech	\$10,125
Media Retaining Strainers from WesTech	\$ 9,684
Granular Filter Media from Red Flint Sand	\$11,931
Disposal Costs for old filter media (WM)	<u>\$15,000</u>
	\$47,740
Quotes for Contractor Services:	
All State Water Filter Rehab	\$22,980
Rice Lake Construction	\$51,500

Staff recommends that the Council award the low quote to All State Water Filter Rehab and establish a budget for this project of \$70,000 to be funded from the sanitary sewer fund.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to award the low quote to All State Water Filter Rehab in the amount of \$22,980 and to budget \$70,000 for the overall project funded from the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Use Permit Agreement – MnDOT

Chattin stated that this is a Limited Use Permit (LUP) similar to the prior agreement with MnDOT. He noted that MnDOT is covering their interests and it would appear to put the City of Bemidji at risk in ten years but most likely would not.

Felix stated that the LUP agreement did not get reviewed by staff and WSB, contractor for Paul Bunyan Park project, prior to the Council’s review and approval. Felix recommended that the Council approve the resolution subject to review of the limited use agreement by himself and the contractor (WSB).

RESOLUTION NO. 5893: Entering into a Limited Use Agreement with MnDOT for the TH197 Project was offered by Councilmember Erickson, who moved its adoption subject to review by the City Attorney and Project Contractor, in particular, the Indemnifications provisions, and upon due second by Councilmember Hellquist was passed by unanimous vote.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, June 23 5:30 p.m. Council Strategic Planning Session – Bridgeman Hall Room 201
- Tuesday, July 1 5:30 p.m. Joint City/County Meeting – County Admin
- Monday, July 7 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk