

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – June 17, 2019

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 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Beard, Johnson, Rivera, Thompson. Absent: Erickson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Assistant City Engineer Sam Anderson, Community Development Director Steven Jones, City Clerk Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Work Session: May 28, 2019
Council Meeting: June 3, 2019

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Beard, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rivera requested that the Tobacco and Vaping Free Policy be pulled for discussion. The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Beard, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$904,629.77
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$50,413.07
3. General Business License Approvals for 2019
4. Approve Temporary 1-4 Day On-Sale Liquor Permit – Dragon Boat Festival
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 6230:** Approving the Site for the 2019 Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival
6. Appointment of Cindy Burger to the Public Arts Commission
7. Approve Change Order No. 9 for Carnegie Restoration Project – City Project 18-07

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

Richard Robbins, stated that his car was towed because of a street closure that he did not see no parking signs for. He asked the council to review its ordinance on posting no parking signs for events. Additionally, he asked for clarification of the handicap parking statute 169.345 as it relates to downtown parking.

Muriel Gillman, expressed gratitude to the city and its employees for another very successful Bike Bemidji Loop the Lake event. Planning is already underway for next year's event to be held on June 20, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider 30th St & Hannah Ave Reconstruction Project and Resolution – City Project 19-02

Anderson stated that this is a continuation of the 2015 Irvine Ave & 30th Street project that narrowed 30th Street and added a 10 foot wide paved trail on the north side of the road. This will continue 20th Street from Ridgeway Avenue to Hannah Avenue. This project also includes the reconstruction of Hannah Avenue from 30th Street to Paul Bunyan Drive. A portion of Hannah Avenue will also be narrowed for the installation of a six foot wide sidewalk and five foot boulevard on the west side of the street. The following bid was received:

Reierson Construction: \$1,072,646.29

The low bid of \$1,072,646.29 will result in a total project cost of approximately \$1,270,000 after design, engineering and construction inspection costs. Funding for the project will come

from Federal Aid (\$692,000), Municipal State Aid (\$440,000) and Construction Fund Reserves (\$138,000). Anderson stated that the project has been broken into three phases to allow access to businesses and apartment complexes during the project. Gray commented on the bidding environment and receiving only one bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 6231: Awarding the 30th Street and Hannah Avenue Reconstruction Project (19-02) to Reierson Construction, Inc., of Bemidji in the amount of \$1,072,646.29 was offered by Councilmember Beard, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Thompson was passed by unanimous vote.

Tobacco and Vaping Free Policy

Rivera noted a small typo and inquired about the cost of new signage that will be required to notify patrons of the amended policy.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Beard to approve the amended Tobacco and Vaping Free Policy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, June 24 5:30 p.m. Work Session (2020 FMP)
- Monday, July 1 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Chat A-Bout: Meehlhause)
- Monday, July 8 5:30 p.m. Work Session (Council Planning)


COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Beard, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk