

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – June 19, 2017

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 19, 2017 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, Hellquist, Johnson, Plemel, Erickson, Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Finance Director Ron Eischens, 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 Erickson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:
Council Meeting June 5, 2017

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$810,992.97
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$32,741.16
3. Two - 1 day Temporary Consumption & Display Permits – Chamber
4. Service Corridor Repairs & Water Damage Repairs – Sanford Center (\$23,360)
5. Reapportionment of Special Assessments Parcel #'s 80.0143.00, 80.03320.00 and 80.03320.00 – Dale Cloose
6. Travel Authorization to attend the Coalition of Greater Mn Cities Summer Conference in Fergus Falls, August 2-4, 2017 - Johnson

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Heritage Preservation Commission

Jim Thompson, HPC member, reported on a history walk on Lake Boulevard that the Commission has been working on. The walk will highlight notable facts about some of the homes.

Gary Rozman, HPC Chair, stated that the Commission has a few openings for City residents.

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Sophie Warrick, BYA representative, reported on the 2016-2017 Commission activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking on America Avenue

Councilor Erickson stated that she received calls from business owners in the 300 block of America regarding parking issues. The callers would like to see the parking changed from all day to two hour to allow their customers to park. Public Works Director Gray concurred with the proposed change.

RESOLUTION NO. 6087: Designating 2-hour Parking on America Avenue NW Between 3rd Street and 4th Street NW was offered by Councilmember Erickson, who

moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Hellquist was passed by unanimous vote.

Division Street Project

Gray stated that the installation of city sanitary sewer and water mains in Division Street are underway and should be complete soon. He noted there are some property owners that may request connections to the city main this year. City staff is recommending that a connection fee be established for the 2017 Division Street Project in the amount of \$12,000 (sewer and water connection).

RESOLUTION NO. 6088: Establishing Charge for Connection to Sanitary Sewer and Water Utility Facilities Constructed Along Division Street West (\$12,000) was offered by Councilmember Erickson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Hellquist was passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Article V, of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Shade Tree Pest and Disease Control and Prevention. Mayor Albrecht opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 14, Article V, of the Bemidji City Code Relating to Shade Tree Pest and Disease Control and Prevention was given a second reading.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, June 26 5:30 p.m. Work Session – 2018 FMP
- Monday, July 3 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting


COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Larson reported that the Bemidji Downtown Alliance is having difficulty recruiting volunteers to adopt planters.
- Erickson reported that at the recent KRL Board meeting they reviewed the draft budget. Erickson noted that the Ward 4 Deer survey results will be reviewed at the Deer Committee's next meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk