

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Work Session – June 27, 2011

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 27, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Larson presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Larson, Waldhausen, Hellquist, Johnson, Albrecht, Negard. Absent: Thompson

Others Present: Deanna Murphy

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Miller

Mayor Larson stated that the purpose of the work session was to discuss the solar panel project, consider a resolution adopting performance measures and a Strengths Strategy Discovery Overview with Deanna Murphy.

Solar Panels

Councilmember Waldhausen indicated that he asked for this item to be added to the agenda because he feels that staff need clear direction from Council regarding the ability to continue working on this project. Waldhausen stated that City staff have not been given direction to stop working on this project and he feels that a significant amount of staff time has been put into this project. Council discussed the following:

- Albrecht stated that this should be put on a regular council agenda and that members of the Sustainability Committee should be notified. She continued that taking action at this time could break the trust of the volunteers and committee members.
- Information requested by Council and Staff has not been supplied by the Committee.

Motion by Negard, seconded by Waldhausen, to discuss the Solar Panel issue at the next Council meeting to consider either a letter of intent to the contractor or terminate the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Performance Measures

Chattin stated that by adopting these Performance Measures the City would receive 14 cents per capita or about \$2,000 in 2011 and 2012. The performance measures would include data collected and a city survey which could be linked to the City's website. In addition, the City would be exempt from levy limits, which would give Council budget flexibility it would not otherwise have.

RESOLUTION NO. 5699: Adopting Performance Measures was offered by Councilmember Hellquist and upon due second by Councilmember Johnson was passed by unanimous vote.

At 6:00 p.m. City Attorney Felix and Deputy City Clerk Miller left the meeting; however the City Manager and Council continued to discuss the Strengths Strategy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
Deputy City Clerk