

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – June 4, 2018

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 4, 2018 at 6:00 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, Lehmann, Erickson, Larson. Absent: Albrecht.

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Parks & Recreation Director Marcia Larson, City Clerk Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Erickson called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Larson, seconded by Lehmann, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:
Regular Council: May 21, 2018

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$1,076,851.27
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$67,922.81
3. Miscellaneous Business Licenses for 2018
4. Miscellaneous Liquor Licenses for 2018
5. Approve Budget Modification #1
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6159:** Authorizing the City of Bemidji to Continue Participating in the Minnesota Bird City Program and Recognizing International Migratory Bird Day
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 6160:** Approving the Site for the 2018 Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival
8. Purchase of Video Equipment for Sanford Center

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No appearance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – No appearance.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Reed Olson Regarding the Wolfe Center

Reed Olson presented an update following the third season of being open. They have had a good partnership with Park Place by referring clients that obtained housing there. The Center still sees a great need for the short term housing needs the Wolfe Center provides. Olson is requesting that the City consider the Wolfe Center during their upcoming budget discussions.

Consider Approval of Professional Services Contract with 292 Design Group

Council have previously discussed the Neilson Reise Arena and an ice study at its April 9 work session. The Public Works Committee met on April 23 and May 21 to discuss the needs of an ice study and recommended a proposal that was submitted by the 292 Design Group to conduct an Ice Feasibility Study for consideration by the council. The primary focus of the ice study is to evaluate the Neilson Reise arena, the feasibility of a second sheet at the Sanford Center, conduct a market revenue analysis, operations analysis, construction costs, and a final report regarding these facilities. The process of this study will include input from the user groups of community ice. The Public Works Committee also recommends that the City receive a “new business” analysis that would be possible should a second sheet be constructed. The 292

Design Group is familiar with Bemidji and has extensive experience in assisting in ice feasibility studies, cost analysis, and income/market analysis in Minnesota and across the country. The study would take about 15 weeks to complete and could begin in late June/early July with a total cost is \$34,000.

Motion by Lehmann, seconded by Larson to approve the professional services contract with 292 Design Group for an Ice Feasibility Study in the amount of \$34,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 149, 3RD SERIES, Annexing Property Along Fifteenth Street NW to the Corporate Limits of the City of Bemidji (Hard Rock Investments, LLC) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 149, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, June 11 5:30 p.m. Work Session (OSA Report on Sanford Center)
- Monday, June 18 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Lehmann, seconded by Meehlhause, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk