

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**Work Session – July 11, 2016**

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, July 11, 2016, at 5:30 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, Olson, Erickson, Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/Engineer Craig Gray, GIS Coordinator Brett Case, Site Plan Analyst Josh Stearns, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Others Present: Beltrami County Commissioners: Joe Vene, Keith Winger; County Administrator Kay Mack; Tim Terrill, MHB; Bent Rud, SWCD; Casey Mai, Joint Planning Director

Mayor Albrecht stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation from Phil Votruba, MPCA in Brainerd. She noted that using Clean Water Land and Legacy funding, a watershed management plan is currently in development for the Mississippi Headwaters. This management plan is called a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS). The Mississippi River Headwaters WRAPS will focus on protecting our most treasured and highest quality lakes and streams, while developing strategies to restore surface water resources that are impaired or declining in water quality. An important part of the strategy is to teach citizens on how they can keep our waters clean.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6020: Appointing Election Judges for the August 9, 2016 Primary and November 8, 2016 General Elections was offered by Councilmember Johnson, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Meehlhause was passed by unanimous vote.**

**Presentation: Total Maximum Daily Load** (TMDL)

Phil Votruba, Watershed Project Manager with MPCA, gave a brief presentation about WRAPS program which began in 2008. He reviewed the watershed monitoring results and updates stating that one standard does not fit all. He noted that Lake Irving and Little Turtle are listed as impaired waterways. There are a number of contributing factors to the high levels of phosphorus, i.e., runoff from parking lots, storm drains. He stated that the MPCA will partner with the City as well as others to improve the water quality in Lake Irving. However, the City is a small "piece of the pie" and the MPCA will be working upstream to identify other contributing factors. The next step will be to finalize the TMDL for Lake Irving and Little Turtle. Mr. Votruba stated that public meetings will continue throughout the process.

Tim Terrill, MHB, commented that the City of Bemidji is already making progress on recommendations through the MS4 permit. Brent Rud, SWCD, noted that there are grants or other funding to assist. Discussion continued about the City's responsibility and possible contributing factors.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Olson, seconded by Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk