

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – July 15, 2013

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, July 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, Thompson

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Clerk Kay Murphy

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda and asked that the agenda be changed to move the item under Old Business before the Presentation. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	July 1, 2013
BEDA Meeting	July 1, 2013
Work Session	July 8, 2013

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Thompson, 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 Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$2,397,397.26
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$78,294.33
3. Miscellaneous Business Licenses for 2013
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5844:** Approving Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permits and Street Closures for the 2013 BSU Homecoming Street Dance – September 28, 2013
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5845:** Supporting the City's Application for a State Capital Appropriation in 2014 Legislative Session for the Rehabilitation and Restoration of the Carnegie Library
6. Budget Change Request #2

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

Linda Lemmer, President of the Beltrami Historical Society, introduced the new Executive Director Dan Karalus. Mr. Karalus stated that the History Center is open Wednesday through Saturday; 12 to 4 and the current exhibit is "Trails through Time". He would like to provide quarterly reports at Council meetings and will contact the City Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

Country Inn & Suites

Tripp Snyder, CEO Bayridge Properties, stated that he was pleased to announce that the financing has been approved for the Country Inn & Suites Hotel. He stated that Security State Bank has informed him that they could potentially be closing as early as July 19.

City Attorney Felix stated that the final draft development agreement is completed which incorporates the revenue loan fund. In addition, title and the draft deed are ready.

Snyder stated that the general contractor will be Kraus Anderson. He will be meeting with the Design Review Committee regarding a change to the roof line. It is anticipated that the hotel construction will take 8-9 months and the restaurant portion completed in 4-5 months as well as the connector to the event center. In summary, the hotel will be four stories with

121 units, 10,250 sf restaurant and meeting space and is a \$15 million project. The restaurant will be Cowboy Jacks.

PRESENTATION

Syd Corrigan, Friends of Lake Bemidji, reported on their efforts in preventing AIS, in particular Zebra Mussels, from entering Lake Bemidji. She reported that currently in Bemidji, there are 10 hours of inspection per week at three lake access points; namely, Northwoods Landing, Cameron Park and South Shore. The hourly cost for these inspections is \$15.50.

Ms. Corrigan stated that the Friends of Lake Bemidji has set a goal for 2014 to hire two (2) full-time inspectors that would provide 26 hours of inspection per week for 14 weeks at the three landings at a cost of \$17,360. They are trying to raise \$20,000 for 2014 and propose an additional 12 inspection hours per week for the public access by the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Lake Irving. She requested that the Council consider funding 50 percent of the proposed \$20,000 or \$10,000 for 2014 inspections. The Friends of Lake Bemidji will commit to raising the matching funds in the amount of \$10,000. She stated that Beltrami County has agreed to assume the role of fiscal agent for Lake Associations who raise the funds to pay inspectors. In addition, the County will coordinate hiring, scheduling, payroll and other administrative responsibilities for the inspectors.

Erickson asked how successful the effort to stop invasive species has been from entering lakes.

Ken Grob, Chairman of the Hubbard County Aquatics Invasive Task Force and member of the State Advisory Committee, discussed what Hubbard County has been doing to inspect boats entering lakes there. He stated that Hubbard County has 20 inspectors this year which are supported by lake associations, townships and cities.

Hellquist stated that he believed that the responsibility should fall on the DNR and County.

Mr. Grob stated that the DNR receives \$8 million a year and focuses 90% of that on containment of lakes infested. The DNR is asking local governments and friends to “shield” non-infested lakes.

Mayor Albrecht stated that the Council may discuss this further at their budget discussions for 2014.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, July 22 5:30 p.m. Work Session – South Shore Beach Design
- Monday, July 29 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Development Review Process
- Monday, August 5 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk