

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – July 3, 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, July 3, 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:

Work Session	June 12, 2017
Council Meeting	June 19, 2017
Work Session	June 26, 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 Johnson, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,161,156.18
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$28,580.71
3. Miscellaneous Business License(s) 2017
4. Declared Neopost Envelope Stuffer as surplus equipment – Finance Office
5. Reapportionment of Special Assessments – United Methodist Church (Parcel Nos. 80.01241.00 and 80.01242.00)
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6089:** Approving the Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permit for a Buffalo Wild Wings Cornhole Tournament on July 15, 2017
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 6090:** Adopting the Amended Minnesota General Records Retention Schedule for Cities
8. Travel Authorization – CGMC Summer Conference in Fergus Falls – Albrecht, Meehlhause

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

- Mike Pohl, St. Paul, suggested that the City consider doing a 3-D image of Paul & Babe. He estimated that the cost was \$3,000-\$10,000.

The following individuals presented a petition to the City Council requesting that the City divest from Wells Fargo Bank and instead bank with a local credit union or community bank:

- Susan Kedzie, 197 Balsam Ridge Road
- Karen Kimbrough, 2902 Bixby Avenue NW – She read the petition noting that there were 196 signatures on the petition. The petition was received by the City Clerk and is on file in the Clerk's office.
- Nancy Beaulieu, 21060 Birchmont Beach Road
- Kristin Neises, 1707 Crosby Ct.
- Rita Chamblin, 1811 Northern Cedar Avenue
- Jordan Morgan, 1220 30th Street NW
- Diana Kuklinski, 930 Anne Street NW
- Pam Lemm, 43926 275th St, Laporte

The following individuals spoke against the City ending its lease with the Chamber of Commerce who operates the Tourist Information Center:

- Mark Dickinson, 2310 Birchmont Drive NE
- Bill Batchelder, 2405 Carol Drive NE
- Hank Rossiter, former Councilperson

NEW BUSINESS

Pedestrian Crosswalk Beacon

Gray reviewed a request for the installation of a pedestrian crossing on TH197 at the Dairy Queen location. In the past MnDOT has been hesitant to either install one or allow the city to install one. Gray stated that MnDOT would now allow one if the city wanted to design and install it. All costs and maintenance would be the responsibility of the city. He described the system which would be a push button flashing pedestrian beacon similar to the one installed by University Heights. He recommended the City use Kimley-Horn & Associates for the design and construction phase services in the amount of \$11,200. Total budget for the project should be set at \$42,000. City staff recommends that the project funds come from the city reserves.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Larson, authorizing the city engineer to enter into a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn in the amount of \$11,200 for a pedestrian crossing. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Legal Services

Mathews stated that the City is working with Barr Engineer, the Mn Department of Health and the MPCA regarding the presence of perfluorocarbons (PFCs) in the of the City's wells. City staff has received proposals from three firms capable of providing environmental counsel to the city as we assess our next steps in addressing the legal issues surrounding the PFC issue. Staff recommended the firm of Gray Plant Mooty (GPM) who has the expertise and a reasonable hourly fee.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to authorize staff to enter into a professional services agreement with Gray Plat Mooty for environmental legal services up to \$45,000 utilizing the city's water fund. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Murphy stated that at their annual meeting the Charter Commission recommended amending the City Charter modifying the time require for the mayor's state of the city address. Discussion followed with the Council suggesting that the state of the city be in the first quarter. Murphy will set up a meeting with the Charter Commission in this regard.

AN ORDINANCE Amending the City of Bemidji Council-Manager Charter Amending Section 2.06 (The Mayor) was given a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 139, 3RD SERIES, 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 final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 139, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, July 10 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Retreat @ Mayflower
- Monday, July 17 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Erickson reported that in the near future and based on Ward 4 survey results, a recommendation from the Deer Committee to extend the hunt to Ward 4 starting in the fall of 2018 will be presented to the Council for approval.
- Mayor Albrecht requested that staff provide more information sustainability projects that the City supports.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk