

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – August 1, 2016

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, August 1, 2016 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, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Larson Absent: Erickson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, 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. **Motion by Olson, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the agenda as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **MINUTES**

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	July 18, 2016
Work Session	July 25, 2016

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$\$1,311,603.45
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$23,740.49
3. 3.2 On Sale Beer, Wine & Restaurant/Food Licenses for Tara Bemidji LLC
4. Boiler Replacement at the City's Depot building – Dick's Plumbing & Heating (\$63,750)
5. Health Insurance Refund Be Utilized to Offset the 2017 Health Insurance Premium
6. Change Order #1 for Paul Bunyan Library Park – Play Area Site Work – J.D. Hansen & Sons (\$1,693)
7. Travel Authorization – August 11 Minnesota Mayors Association Meeting in St. Paul – Mayor Albrecht

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

No one appeared.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Carnegie Project Update – City Clerk Murphy reported that the fundraising continues and with a recent \$5,000 grant from Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation the total raised to date is \$872,800. She stated that volunteers will be at Depot Day on August 6 selling raffle tickets.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Center City Housing Request

City Manager Mathews reviewed the Center City request to have two private sidewalk connections to the relocated city bituminous trail. He noted that the connections were not dealt with in the purchase agreement.

Public Works Director Gray described the trail connections and stated that it is up to the Council to review and consider a policy of the number of trail connections allowed on this city trail. Discussion continued regarding establishment of a policy, i.e., safety concerns.

Councilor Olson made a motion to approve the request with the condition it be retroactive after a policy is established. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Consensus of the Council was to have staff bring it to the Parks & Trails Commission for review and make recommendation on a policy regarding connections to the city trail.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Monday, August 8 5:30 p.m. Work Session – 2017 FMP
- Monday, August 15 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 Meehlhause, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy  
City Clerk