

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – August 20, 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, August 20, 2018 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, Lehmann, Erickson, Larson.

Staff Present: Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Fire Chief David Hoefer, City Clerk Michelle Miller

#### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

Mayor Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Lehmann, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **MINUTES**

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Regular Council:	August 6, 2018
Work Session:	August 7, 2018

A couple of small grammatical changes were noted. **Motion by Lehmann, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. Staff requested the following be removed from the Consent Agenda: Approve Resolution for Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permit and Street Closure for Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ. **Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Lehmann, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$893,972.72
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$60,846.70
3. Designate Temporary Mayor Pro-tem (September 4 Council Meeting) – Johnson
4. Approve Quote for Storm Sewer Pipe Lining to Visu Sewer (\$26,630.50)
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 6171:** Authorizing Execution of Agreement (DWI Officer Grant)
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6172:** Approving Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permit for Wingin It

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

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

No one appeared.

#### **REPORTS**

Beltrami County Historical Society Update – Gary Rozman was unable to attend but Mayor Albrecht provided a brief update of what Mr. Rozman was planning on presenting. Albrecht stated that Rozman has proposed the idea of becoming a sister city with Filottrano, Ancona, Italy which is the final resting place of Giacomina Constantino Beltrami, whom Beltrami County was named after. Albrecht stated that an event will be held on August 22 at the monument erected for Giacomina Beltrami and she will be reading a proclamation proclaiming efforts to begin the process of establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Bemidji and Filottrano, Ancona, Italy.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Approve Purchase of Ladder Truck for Fire Department

Hoefer stated that the department has determined minimum requirements for the new truck and found a dealer, MacQueen Emergency Group, which has a stock truck available for purchase through the HGAC Cooperative purchasing program. The vehicle meets most of the requirements and will certainly serve the needs of the department as a ladder truck. The base price of the stock vehicle is approximately \$31,032 less than purchasing a custom truck. Additional savings of \$22,860 can be obtained by utilizing a three payment structure, 1/3 at contract signing (2018), 1/3 at midpoint and 1/3 upon delivery and acceptance for a total cost of \$946,903.

**Motion by Erickson, seconded by Hellquist to authorize the City to purchase a 2019 Pierce Quint 110 foot platform aerial ladder fire apparatus from MacQueen Emergency**

**Group (stock vehicle with Job Number 32796) in the amount of \$946,903 to be paid with three payments, 1/3 upon signing of the contract (2018), 1/3 at mid-point and 1/3 upon final delivery and acceptance (2019). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Hellquist, Johnson, Lehmann, Erickson, Larson. Nays: None.**

Approve Resolution for Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permit and Street Closure for Fozz Fest (Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ)

Mathews stated that staff needs clarification from council on this request as it recently learned that the event organizer is planning on charging an admission fee. Currently, the code states that council may authorize the holder of a retail on-sale intoxicating liquor license to dispense liquor off premises for a community festival held within the city. There is nothing defining what a community festival is and if it should be free to the public, especially if the community event is held on public property. Erickson expressed concern of charging a fee on public property. Lehmann suggested adding a provision on the application identifying what public purpose the event provides. Albrecht suggested that staff review the code and provide a recommendation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6173: A Resolution Approving the Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permit and Street Closure for Fozz Fest (Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ) on September 8, 2018 contingent upon the event organizer not charging an admission fee was offered by Councilor Erickson and upon due second by Councilor Lehmann passed with the following vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Lehmann, Erickson, Larson, Albrecht. Nays: Hellquist**

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, August 27 5:30 p.m. Work Session (2019 Budget-FMP)
- Tuesday, September 4 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 Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
City Clerk