

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – August 21, 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, August 21, 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, Johnson, Plemel, Erickson, Larson Absent: Hellquist

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:

Council Meeting	August 7, 2017
Special Meeting	August 7, 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 Erickson, seconded by Plemel, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$987,196.84
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$40,289.26
3. Miscellaneous Business License Renewal(s)
4. 1-4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – BSU Alumni Event on 9/23/17
5. Awarded Storm Water Sewer Repair at the Intersection of 6th and Beltrami Ave to J.D. Hansen Inc. in the amount of \$23,185.50
6. **RESOLUTION 6094:** Requesting a Pedestrian Crosswalk Flasher System from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) at the Intersection of Cross Street and MN TH197

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

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

David Quam, 754 Wagon Wheel Drive, stated that the Bemidji Citizen Patrol, branch of the Bemidji Police Department, effective August 31, 2017 will close down its services to the community. He stated that they have provided 20 years of service. The closure is due to lack of new members and exhaustion of the few remaining members. He introduced Citizen Patrol members in attendance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **New Municipal Liquor Store**

City Manager Mathews stated that on August 7, 2017, in a close session, the Council reviewed the terms and documents relating to the purchase of 500 Paul Bunyan Drive NW. The purpose of the land purchase is to build a new municipal liquor store to replace Discount Liquor. He noted that it is important to keep our liquor stores modern, adaptable to the changing retail environment and customer-friendly as our store profits reduce City property taxes and often fund special City projects.

Eischens stated that it is the City's intention to keep the Discount Liquor open; however, it is dependent on the design of the new store.

**Motion by Johnson, seconded by Larson, approving the Purchase Agreement, Environmental Escrow and Access Agreements for the purchase of property located at 500 Paul Bunyan Drive NW. Motion carried unanimously.**

