

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – August 4, 2014

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 4, 2014 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, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, Thompson Absent: Johnson

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. **Motion by Erickson, seconded by Olson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:
Council Meeting July 21, 2014

Meehlhause noted a correction to the discussion item regarding the Library Park bids. **Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Erickson, to approve the minutes as amended. 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 **\$742,236.81**
2. Claims Submitted by Venuworks for the Sanford Center in the amount of **\$31,539.16**
3. General Business Licenses Renewals for 2014
4. Appointment to Parks & Trails Commission – Tina Kaney
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5902:** Approving Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permits and Street Closures for the 2014 BSU Homecoming Street Dance – October 18, 2014
6. Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the United States Fire Administration in the amount of \$55,103

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Librarian's Report - Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, reported on behavior problems that they have been experiencing at the Library in the past month. He noted that the incidents constitute a less than one percent of their daily transactions. Council expressed their appreciation of Library staff. Ericsson provided an update on August events at the library as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Multiple Listing and Marketing Services

Chattin reviewed the three proposals received for multiple listing and marketing services. He noted that the City as well as the BEDA will need to select a firm as property for sale is owned by both entities. He stated that from a fiscal perspective the three firms are similar and have experience with marketing commercial property. The firms that submitted RFPs are: First Realty, Century 21 Dickinson Realtors and Lake-n-Woods Realty, Inc.

Mayor Albrecht stated that it is difficult to select a firm as they are comparable.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Olson, to select the firm of Lake-n-Woods Realty, Inc. to provide marketing services for City-owned property. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Thompson, Olson, Meehlhause, Erickson. Nays: Hellquist, Albrecht.

Discussion continued regarding the length of time for marketing services. Consensus of the Council was that a minimum of one year be considered. In addition, Lake-n-Woods Realty will come to a future meeting to present their marketing plan.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 100, 3RD SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Amending an Uncoded Section of the Bemidji City Code Vacating a Portion of 23rd Street was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 101, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 101, 3RD SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Amending an Uncoded Section of the Bemidji City Code (Authorizing the Sale of Real Property) (Becker) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Thompson, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 101, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 102, 3RD SERIES, AN ORDINANCE Amending an Uncoded Section of the Bemidji City Code (Authorizing the Sale of Real Property) (Reise) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Meehlhause, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 102, 3rd Series. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, August 11 5:30 p.m. City Arena / 2015 Budget (Chambers)
- Tuesday, August 12 Primary Election
- Monday, August 18 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk