

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

### Regular Meeting – August 7, 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 7, 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 Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the agenda as prepared. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### **MINUTES**

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	July 17, 2017
Work Session	July 24, 2017
Special Meeting	July 24, 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 Hellquist, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,445,026.27
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$170,580.72
3. Miscellaneous Business License Renewal(s)
4. Full & Sunday Liquor Licenses for Ruzy's Bar & Grill, Inc. at 801 Washington Ave S
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 6091:** Approving a Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permit and Street Closure for Fozzie Smokin Bar BQ's Fozz Fest – September 9, 2017
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6092:** Approving a Temporary Off-Premises Alcohol Permit and Street Closure for Bemidji Brewing's Oktoberfest on September 16, 2017
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 6093:** Approving a Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permits and Street Closure for the 2017 BSU Homecoming Street Dance on September 23, 2017
8. Approve Council Appointments to Joint Planning Board
9. Travel Authorization - March for Mayors at the Capitol, St. Paul – August 10-11 – Albrecht

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

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

No one appeared.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Michelle Snider presented the City of Bemidji with the MRPA'S Award of Excellence for the Paul Bunyan Inclusive Playground.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### Urban Forestry/GreenCorp

Nicole Deziel, GreenCorp Member, reported on the tree inventory completed to date. She has inventoried approximately 1,000 trees collecting information regarding: 1) species; 2) GPS location; 3) diameter and crown width measurements; and 4) crown and stem condition ratings.

##### Sustainability Committee

Justine Kapitzke stated that the Sustainability Committee will be hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Places Tour which will be on Saturday, August 12.

Erika Adams provided an update on the Mayors’ Monarch Pledge stating that some funding was received through the Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships to collaborate on and plant three native landscape beds in the City. She stated that a Monarch Butterfly Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at the American Indian Resource Center.

Linda Kingery reported that a local chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) has re-started in Bemidji. The group meets the first Saturday of each month at noon at the Library. She stated that CCL will continue to partner with the Sustainability Committee to engage the community on this critical issue.

Nameless Coalition for the Homeless

Reed Olson reported that the Wolfe provided shelter to 345 individuals during the October 2016 – April 2017 season. The Nameless Coalition for the Homeless is requesting \$5,000 from the City of Bemidji. He state their request is based on the following:

- The Wolfe saves the City approx. \$1,500 month (law enforcement and legal services) by providing a warm shelter to homeless inebriates who might otherwise end up in jail, the courts and/or need transportation.
- The Wolfe saves lives.

Mayor Albrecht stated that the Council will consider this request during the 2018 budget discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Liquor Store Consultant

City Manager Mathews stated that the City issued a Request for Proposals for Architectural and Engineering Services for a new liquor store. Seven (7) proposals were received. City staff reviewed the proposals and recommend the City contract with DSGW from Virginia, Minnesota.

Councilor Hellquist stated his objection to the City not selecting the low proposal.

**Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Plemel, authorizing staff to enter into a contract with DSGW for the design and construction of a new municipal liquor store in the amount of \$99,900. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Plemel, Larson, Erickson. Nays: Hellquist.**

**ORDINANCES**

**AN ORDINANCE** Amending Chapter 16 of the Bemidji City Code entitled “Fire Prevention and Protection” by Amending Articles I and II was given a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 140, 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES**, AN ORDINANCE Amending the City of Bemidji Council-Manager Charter Amending Section 2.06 (The Mayor) was given a final reading and passed by unanimous vote.

**Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 140, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series. Motion carried unanimously.**

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Monday, August 14 5:30 p.m. Work Session – If necessary
- Monday, August 21 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Monday, August 28 5:30 p.m. Work Session – St. Paul Port Authority/Rail Corridor


**COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Kay M. Murphy  
 City Clerk