

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting of Council – Thursday, August 8, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Beard, Johnson, Rivera, Erickson, Thompson.

Staff Present: City Attorney, Al Felix

Others Present: Special Legal Counsel, Brandon Fitzsimmons

Mayor Albrecht stated that the purpose of the meeting was for preliminary consideration of allegations against a City of Bemidji Employee under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd. 2(b). The Employee is Nate Mathews.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Rivera, to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, Subd. 2(b) for the purpose of preliminary consideration of allegations against a City of Bemidji Employee. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 6:03 p.m.

For the closed session, the Councilmembers, staff, and others specified above were present.

The Council discussed preliminary consideration of allegations against the City of Bemidji employee in closed session.

The meeting was reopened and recessed at 7:23 p.m. The meeting reopened at 7:32 p.m. and then reconvened in closed session.

The Council continued discussion of the preliminary consideration of allegations against the City of Bemidji employee in closed session.

The meeting was reopened and recessed at 9:58 p.m. The meeting reopened at 10:28 p.m. and then reconvened in closed session.

The Council continued discussion of preliminary consideration of allegations against the City of Bemidji employee in closed session.

The meeting was reopened at 10:37 p.m.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Thompson as follows:

- 1. The City Council affirms its current support of Nate Mathews as City Manager.**
- 2. That Mayor Rita Albrecht consult with legal counsel and take any appropriate action to do the following:**
 - a. Facilitate the City of Bemidji retaining a third-party to facilitate a collaborative process to attempt to resolve the issues related to the issues underlying the allegations against City Manager Nate Mathews.**
 - b. Submit formal communications to City Manager Nate Mathews and each member of the Bemidji Alliance Leadership Council requesting that each of them participate in such process.**

Motion passed by the following roll-call vote: Yeas: Meehlhause, Beard, Johnson, Rivera, Erickson, Thompson, Albrecht. Nays: None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Rivera, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle R. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk