

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – September 16, 2019

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, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Erickson presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Community Development Director Steven Jones, Assistant City Engineer Sam Anderson, City Clerk Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Erickson called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Thompson, seconded by Meehlhause to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Work Session: August 26, 2019
Council Meeting: September 3, 2019

Motion by Rivera, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval. **Motion by Thompson, seconded by Rivera, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$1,482,220.83
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$44,178.79
3. Approve Special Event Permit for Blue Ox Marathon (October 11-12)
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 6245:** Supporting a Job Creation Fund Application for Bemidji Steel Company
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 6246:** Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Rolls, and Establishing a Date for Public Hearing for City Project 19-01
6. Declare 2012 Chevy Impala Police Reserve Vehicle Surplus and Authorize Disposal
7. Approve Purchase of 2020 Police Patrol Vehicles (\$97,645.68)
8. Approve Lighting Quote to Bessler Wiebolt Electric for Nymore Outdoor Hockey/Pleasure Rinks (\$14,910.00)
9. Approve Sanford Center Capital Purchases (\$153,582.71)
10. Travel Authorization – CGMC Housing Discussion-Fergus Falls – September 27 (Rivera)
11. Travel Authorization – CGMC Fall Conference-Alexandria – November 14-15 (Albrecht, Meehlhause, Beard, Johnson)

Motion carried by unanimous vote. Erickson noted that council travel is currently over budget for the year and will not support council travel for the remainder of the year.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No appearance

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution Approving Preliminary 2019 Tax Levy Collectible in 2020 and Setting the Truth in Taxation Hearing Date

Eischens stated that at the September 9 Work Session, Council directed staff to set the 2020 preliminary levy at an increase of 4.3%, resulting in a levy of \$6,120,321. Due to the value of new construction, the net levy impact is 3.6%. Eischens noted the \$161,426 increase of Local Government Aid funds received. Johnson stated that council travel can help support city issues like LGA funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 6247: Approving Preliminary 2019 Tax Levy Collectible in 2020 and Setting the Truth in Taxation Hearing Date was offered by Councilmember Rivera, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Beard was passed by unanimous vote.

Consider Award of Quote for Wood & Central Avenue Alley Sanitary Sewer Project – City Project 19-10

Anderson stated that staff identified a section of 1956 clay sanitary sewer main located under the alley between Central Avenue SE and Wood Avenue SE that is in need of replacement. The current sanitary sewer main, which prohibits staff from providing the periodic maintenance needed to keep the sanitary sewer main cleaned. This project will upgrade the clay main line to PVC, along with the services and install manholes for future access and maintenance. One quote was received on September 4 from Reierson Construction in the amount of \$37,400.75 to be completed in the spring of 2020 and will be funded by the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund. Additionally, upon completion of this sewer project, the alley will be paved as a part of the alley paving project.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Thompson, awarding the quote to Reierson Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$37,400.75 for the Wood & Central Avenue Alley Sanitary Sewer Project – City Project 19-10 to be completed in the Spring of 2020. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Award of Quote for Alley Stormwater Improvement Project – City Project 19-12

Anderson stated that at the August 19 Council Meeting, Council authorized staff to proceed with the design and receipt of quotes for a stormwater runoff issue at 309 3rd Street NW. Two quotes were received on September 10 from Reierson Construction in the amount of \$49,254.06 and from Sparky’s Construction in the amount of \$61,324.00. Staff recommends awarding the low quote to Reierson Construction. This project will be completed in the Spring of 2020 and will be funded by the Stormwater Utility Fund.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Beard, awarding the quote to Reierson Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$49,254.06 for the Alley Stormwater Improvement Project – City Project 19-12 to be completed in the Spring of 2020. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding an Ordinance Vacating/Revoking Ordinance No. 115, 3rd Series, and Amending an Uncoded Section of Bemidji City Code Pertaining to Street Vacation (Hillside Avenue). Mayor Pro Tem Erickson opened the Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m., hearing no comments the public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE Vacating/Revoking Ordinance No. 115, 3rd Series, and Amending an Uncoded Section of Bemidji City Code Pertaining to Street Vacation (Hillside Avenue) was given a second reading.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 24 5:15 p.m. Public Affairs Committee
- Monday, October 7 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Tuesday, October 15 5:30 p.m. Work Session (Sales Tax)

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Beard, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Michelle R. Miller
 City Clerk