

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Regular Meeting – September 17, 2018

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 17, 2018 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, Lehmann, Erickson, Larson.

Staff Present: Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Michelle Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda. **Motion by Erickson, seconded by Lehmann, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

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Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$394,107.45
2. Claims Submitted by VenuWorks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$57,644.87
3. Miscellaneous Business Licenses for 2018
4. Miscellaneous Liquor Licenses for 2018
5. Appointment of Melinda Heltemes (Tenant) to the Housing & Redevelopment Board
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 6176:** Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Rolls, and Establishing a Date for Public Hearing for City Project #18-01
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 6177:** Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Traffic Safety Enforcement
8. Purchase of three 2019 Police Vehicles from Hibbing Ford (\$135,018.85)

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

REPORTS

Visit Bemidji Update – Susan Goudge and Jessica Bjerke presented Visit Bemidji's 2018 Marketing Goals, Objective, Initiatives and Achievements which supports the mission statement of Visit Bemidji. They are anticipating 2019 to be another exciting year for Bemidji.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Recognizing Climate Change and Urging Congress to Levy a Revenue-Neutral Fee on Carbon in Fossil Fuels

Hellquist stated that while the City Council may not always act on its own sustainability actions, he feels that this issue should be brought forward to congress in order to promote change for future generations.

RESOLUTION NO. 6178: Recognizing Climate Change and Urging Congress to Levy a Revenue-Neutral Fee on Carbon in Fossil Fuel was offered by Councilmember Hellquist who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Lehmann passed by the following vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Hellquist, Johnson, Lehmann, Erickson. Nays: Larson.

Resolution Approving Preliminary 2018 Tax Levy Collectible in 2019 and Setting the Truth in Taxation Hearing Date

Eischens Reviewed the 2019 preliminary tax levy reflecting a 2% increase, for a total levy of \$5,867,794. While the 2% levy increase is not required to meet proposed 2019 budget needs, it provides flexibility to address undecided issues such as community development director, railroad corridor development and Sanford Center capital replacement needs.

RESOLUTION NO. 6179: Approving Preliminary 2018 Tax Levy Collectible in 2019 and Setting the Truth in Taxation Hearing Date was offered by Councilmember Hellquist who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Meehlhause was passed by the following vote: Ayes: Meehlhause, Hellquist, Johnson, Lehmann, Erickson, Larson, Albrecht.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance Annexing Property Contiguous to Jefferson Avenue SW, Mikrantip Road SW and Mag Seven Court SW to the Corporate Limits of the City of Bemidji Regarding Payment of Property Taxes to the Township was given a first reading.

AN ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance Annexing Property Contiguous to Division Street West or CSAH 7 to the Corporate Limits of the City of Bemidji Regarding Payment of Property Taxes to the Township was given a first reading.

Pursuant to published notice, a Public Hearing was held to receive input regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Bemidji City Code Entitled, "Alcoholic Beverages" by Amending the Provisions Relating to Proof of Age. Mayor Albrecht opened the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m.; and hearing no comments, closed the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 4 of the Bemidji City Code Entitled, "Alcoholic Beverages" by Amending the Provisions Relating to Proof of Age was given a second reading.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, September 24 5:30 p.m. Work Session (JPB Discussion)
- Monday, October 1 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk