

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – September 21, 2015

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, 2015 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, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, Finance Director Ron Eischens, City Clerk Kay Murphy

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Albrecht declared September 21 and 22, 2015 as Dementia Awareness Days in Bemidji.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Albrecht called for any amendments to the agenda. The following changes were requested:

- Remove New Business Item regarding the Small Cities Development Program Procedural Guide for Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Add Discussion regarding tentative settlement agreement offers regarding the Sanford Center

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Council Meeting	September 8, 2015
Special Meeting	September 8, 2015
Work Session	September 14, 2015

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Hellquist, 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 Olson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the amount of \$1,033,087.72
2. Claims Submitted by Venuworks for the Sanford Center in the amount of \$66,765.66
3. 1 Day Temporary Consumption & Display Permit – Chamber Event on 10/13/15
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 5963:** Approving the Temporary Off-Premises Liquor Permit for a Beer Garden at the Sanford Center
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5964:** Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Rolls, and Establishing a Date for Public Hearing for City Project #15-01
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5965:** Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment Rolls, and Establishing a Date for Public Hearing for City Project #15-02

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Sophia Turner, BYA representative, reported that the Commission has organized their Listening Lunches for the year. In addition, they have begun contacting local groups (i.e., Red Cross, BSU Student Senate, Food Shelf) and members will participate as liaisons to give a voice of the youth.

NEW BUSINESS

Louvre Repair at the Sanford Center

Felix stated that the City's legal counsel has negotiated settlement agreements and releases with the five parties for repair of the louvers at the Sanford Center. He stated that they have agreed to pay \$50,000 (collectively) which will pay cost of the repair of the louvers and legal costs. He noted that the parties are Leo A. Daly, Donalar, Peterson Sheet Metal, Kraus Anderson Construction and Venuworks. He stated that there are some final "wordsmithing" on the agreements and then they will be ready for signature by the Mayor and City Manager.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Olson, approval of the tentative settlement agreements regarding the repair of the Sanford Center louvers and directing staff to finalize the agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, Sept. 28 6:00 p.m. Special Council Meeting – Set 2016 Prelim. Tax Levy and discuss South Shore Beach House
- Monday, October 5 6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.
- Councilor Hellquist asked about doing a satisfaction survey regarding City employees. He would like an immediate satisfaction survey so that the City can know when there are rough spots or the process used. He stated he has received a number of reports about "rude and dismissive" responses by staff. Mayor Albrecht recommended that the City Manager follow up on this matter.
- City Manager Mathews reminded the Council that he will be with the City six months on October 30. The City Clerk will work with Council regarding the City Manager's review.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk