

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting – September 28, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, September 28, 2015, 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, Hellquist, Johnson, Olson, Erickson, Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Parks & Recreation Director Marcia Larson, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Beach House/South Shore Park Discussion

City Manager Mathews stated that at the August 10 work session the Council authorized staff to update cost estimates for park development including an architectural review/feasibility study of the existing stone building.

Parks & Recreation Director Larson stated that Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN) conducted architectural and structure site visits and determined the beach house to be structurally sound, provided a floor plan and cost estimate for the renovation. She stated that the Parks and Trails Commission reviewed the floorplan and their recommendations were incorporated into the design. The preliminary cost total is \$599,370 (\$305,800 for beach house renovation and \$293,570 for park development).

Eischens recommended utilizing liquor and refuse cash reserves to pay for this project. The final allocations can be determined when 2015 year-end financial results are discussed.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Meehlhause, authorizing a Request for Proposals for Professional Services for the design and construction of South Shore Park. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Preliminary Tax Levy

Eischens reviewed the 2016 preliminary tax levy noting that due to the value of new construction and increased property value, the effective tax increase will be approximately 2.9%.

RESOLUTION NO. 5966: Approving the Preliminary 2015 Tax Levy Collectible in 2016 in the amount of \$4,826,915 and Setting the Truth In Taxation Hearing Date on December 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. was offered by Councilmember Hellquist, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Olson was passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk