

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Regular Meeting – September 3, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:00 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, Thompson

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Albrecht proclaimed September 9 through September 14, 2013 as "Suicide Prevention Week" in Bemidji.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

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

- Resolution in Support and Commitment for the Archaeological Phase I Investigation and Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Community Planning Program (Consent)
- Resolution Establishing the Preliminary 2013 Tax Levy Collectible in 2014 and Setting the Truth In Taxation Hearing Date (New Business)

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Thompson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

Regular Council	August 19, 2013
Special Meeting	August 20, 2013 (with County)

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Johnson, 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 Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:**

1. Claims submitted by the Finance Officer in the total amount of \$1,430,880.38
2. Claims submitted by Venuworks for the Sanford Center in the total amount of \$31,217.95
3. Budget Change Request #3 – Councilor Erickson requested that the reason be modified for the budget request. Council concurred. Eischens will revise.
4. 1 day Temporary Consumption & Display Permit – Chamber Event on 10/8/2013
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5848:** Approve a Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota and the City of Bemidji regarding the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5849:** In Support and Commitment for the Archaeological Phase I Investigation and Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Community Planning Program

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

No one appeared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission – Hannika Roy, BYA President, stated they have begun planning their projects for this school year. Introductions of this year's BYAC members were made. Each of the members identified a local group that they hope to liaison with.

BSU Student Senate – Carrie Cooper, Student Senate President, stating that they are recruiting new senate members. Student Senate elections will be held the week prior to homecoming. She shared a few initiatives that BSU has implemented.

Librarian’s Report - Paul Ericsson, Branch Manager, reviewed Legacy programming for 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Item – Request from Property Owner at 114 Rako Street

Mayor stated that at the August 19, 2013, the City Council tabled a request from the property owner at 114 Rako Street to have the interest on his “deferred” assessment reduced to allow input from the City Attorney.

City Attorney Felix advised the Council not to revisit issues of accrued interest on a parcel by parcel basis. He further stated that the City should communicate to the property owner that the City cannot and/or will not reduce the amount of interest that has accrued and is otherwise due on the outstanding deferred special assessment.

City Clerk stated she received a phone call from the property owner and they were made aware of the City Attorney’s recommendation.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Hellquist, to not approve the request for a reduction of the interest rate amount for the property owner at 114 Rako Street. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Bemidji Platform

Parks & Recreation Director Larson stated that the City and the Chief Bemidji Committee have been working with Karvakko Engineering to design a platform for the Chief Bemidji Statue. The statue will be completed in the spring of 2014 and the platform needs to be completed this fall. She provided the Council a rendering of the platform stating that it complements the park plan and provides a unique place for the Chief Bemidji Statue. The platform provides seating for trail/park users and those viewing the statue. The Committee is developing interpretative signage to be inset into the pillars. The estimated construction cost for the platform is \$40,770. The construction of the platform will require inspection services. Karvakko Engineering has submitted a cost for construction inspection at a not to exceed amount of \$5,600. Larson noted that the project will be funded utilizing the ½ cent sales tax collected for park improvements.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Erickson, to approve the design and specifications for the Chief Bemidji Platform and authorize quotes. Motion carried unanimously.

4-Way Stop Signs (Hannah Avenue & 30th Street)

City Engineer Gray stated that the City received a petition from the residents of Northview Manor Apartments requesting that the City consider changing the traffic control at the intersection of Hannah Avenue and 30th Street NW. Gray stated that the Minnesota Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices requires an engineering study be completed prior to installing multi-way stop control. City staff took traffic counts and turning movements and then had it analyzed by Bolten & Menk. Their analysis concluded that the intersection warrants an all-way stop control and recommended the traffic control be changed to a 4-way stop.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Erickson, approving the installation of 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Hannah Avenue NW and 30th Street NW. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary 2013 Tax Levy Collectible in 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 5850: Approving the Preliminary 2013 Tax Levy Collectible in 2014 in the amount of \$4,169,936 and setting the Truth In Taxation Hearing date on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. was offered by Councilmember Meehlhause who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Thompson was passed by unanimous vote.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, September 9 5:30 p.m. Work Session – Update from Greater Bemidji & Discuss Rail Corridor
- Monday, September 16 5:30 p.m. Public Works Committee (if needed)
- Monday, September 16 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

- Council members provided updates on current events and meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Kay M. Murphy in blue ink.

Kay M. Murphy

City Clerk