

Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Bemidji City Hall Conference Room

Call to Order: Linda Lemmer, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Members present and signed in: Linda Lemmer, Joan Dreyer, Lois Jenkins, Chris Bell, Jay Tody. Andy Mack, excused.

Others: Josh Peterson, City Council Rep

No Guests present:

Agenda: See new City Link: Tody moved to approve agenda as written, Dreyer seconded. Carried.

Minutes of February 18, 2025 Meeting: Jenkins moved to approve with this change: "Election Chris Bell self nominated for vice chair and Joan Dreyer as Secretary." Bell seconded. Carried

Old Business:

City Website and Facebook Update:

Dates matter: Tody research on local merchants using wrong dates for establishment of Bemidji.

Moved by Dreyer and seconded by Bell to talk to the WIKKI creator about correct information.

Village of Bemidji incorporated May 20, 1896. Carried.

Pumping Station 1909:

Lemmer confirmed new emails with Con's and Mark's to make a mold to historic preservation standards. Bids will need to be updated to make the mold and bricks needed.

Discussion: Place on National Historic Register and Bemidji Historic Register and be eligible for the 100 year old structure decal. This building should be preserved because of its significant source of water. The building has value.

Jenkins moved and Tody seconded to place the 1909 Pumping Station on the Bemidji Historic Register. Discussion: Will this have to go to City Council. Peterson will put on the agenda.

100 year old Structure Project:

Rachelle, how does BHPC take in money and receipt it and pay the bills. We need a model release.

New Business:

Bemidji City Manager urged City Council to join SHPO: State Historic Preservation Office

See presentation on March 3, 2024 by Chair Lemmer to Council on the work of BHPC on city website link or read her summary here included with these minutes.

Preservation Resources for Members:

Moved by Bell and seconded by Dreyer to have Jenkins list the ways for Council and BHPC members can learn more about Preservation. Added to these minutes: Carried.

Review of 100 year old Structure in City of Bemidji.

One application, Northwest Minnesota Initiative building/Miles block, 201 3rd Street presented by Chris Bell.

Dreyer moved to accept this application with excellent supporting documentation. Jenkins seconded. Carried. In lieu of how to pay the city the \$10 fee for the decal and decals are not printed yet, the presentation was tabled until April 15. City staff to work this out.

Bell moved to adjourn, Tody seconded. Carried.

Lemmer adjourned the meeting at 4:33 pm, March 18, 2025

Lois J Jenkins
Recorder

Next meeting at Tuesday April 15, 2025 at 3:30 pm

Look for Decal presentation with attendant P.R. [Karen, NWF Mgr, Pioneer, Lakeland, Kevin Johnson, Council,

Attachments to these Minutes:

Lemmer presentation
NWfoundation application for 100 year old structure.
Attendance Sheet
List of preservation newsletters to sign up for