

BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 5, 2026

Council Chambers
City Hall – 317 4th Street NW
6:00 PM



ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MINUTES

- 1) November 17, 2025 Council Meeting
November 24, 2025 Work Session

CONSENT AGENDA #1

Items in the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion without discussion/debate. The Mayor will ask if any Councilmember wishes to remove an item. If no items are to be removed, the Mayor will then ask for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- 2) Claims Submitted by Finance Officer in the Amount Of \$1,161,855.38
- 3) Claims Submitted by Legends Global for the Sanford Center in the Amount of \$128,766.69
- 4) Approve November Financials from Legends Global for the Sanford Center
- 5) 2026 Business License Approvals
- 6) Designate Mayor Pro Tem
- 7) Designate Official Newspaper of Publication for 2026
- 8) Approve City Council Commission/Committee Assignments for 2026
- 9) Approve Appointment of Councilmember Designees for City Manager Annual Performance Evaluation Process
- 10) Approve Appointment of Debra Faver to the Parks and Recreation Commission
- 11) Approve Special Event Permit for Let's Plant Trees (May 2-3)
- 12) Approve Special Event Permit for March for Life (January 24)
- 13) Approve Purchase of 2025 Altoz XP 610 HDi Mower in the Amount of \$13,123.17 (Parks)
- 14) Approve Purchase of a Bobcat SG 60 Stump Grinder in the Amount of \$10,178.13 (Parks)
- 15) Approve Purchase of 2025 Toro Field Pro 6040 in the Amount of \$47,003.72 (Parks)
- 16) Approve Purchase of Garbage Receptacles in the Amount of \$15,483.88 (Parks)
- 17) Approve Crossing Surface Installation Agreement with BNSF
- 18) Approve 5th Street NW Easement Agreement with BNSF

- 19) Approve Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance Agreement with BNSF
- 20) Approve MOU's with Local #49
- 21) Approve MOU's with UFCW 1189
- 22) Resolution Accepting Donation for Casting with Cops
- 23) Approve Council Travel Authorization-2026 Elected Leaders Institute-Plymouth, February 6-7 - Fiskevold Gould

CONSENT AGENDA #2

- 24) Approve Tourist Information Center Lease Agreement
- 25) Claims Submitted by Finance Officer to Visit Bemidji in the Amount of \$36,660.97

CITIZENS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THIS COUNCIL-NOT ON AN AGENDA

Public Comment – Please give your name, address, and state your concern/comment. Visitors may share their concerns with City Council on any issue, which is not already on the agenda. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak. The Mayor reserves the right to limit an individual's presentation if it becomes redundant, repetitive or overly argumentative. The Mayor may also limit the number of individual presentations on any issue to accommodate the scheduled agenda items. COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT BY THE COUNCIL.

ORDINANCES

- 26) a. Public Hearing of an Ordinance Granting to Minnesota Energy Resources Permission to Construct, Operate, Repair and Maintain in the City of Bemidji a Gas Distribution System (Franchise)
b. First Reading of Said Ordinance

BUSINESS

- 27) Consider Creation of Council Budget Committee for 2026

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 28) January 12, 2026 (5:30 pm) - Planning Board
January 20, 2026 (6:00 pm) - Council Meeting
January 26, 2026 (5:30 pm) - Work Session- 2026 Initiatives and Priorities

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