

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Work Session – May 27, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice, a work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Prince presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Prince, Peterson, Dickinson, Rivera, Eaton. Absent: Fiskevold Gould, Thayer

Present: City Manager Rich Spiczka, City Clerk Michelle Miller, HRDC Community Development Specialist Sandy Hennum

HRDC Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant

This work session was held to review a time-sensitive grant opportunity presented by Sandy Hennum from the HRDC. The Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant offers up to \$500,000 for infrastructure projects, with a new 50% set-aside for Greater Minnesota. The proposal is to use these funds, matched by the city, to build a road and necessary infrastructure on the 40-acre Conifer Campus. This infrastructure is the critical first step for a larger master-planned development aimed at creating 500-950 units of mixed-income affordable housing (workforce, supportive, and single-family). The primary funding mechanism for the city's \$500,000 match would be Tax Increment Financing (TIF), with other enterprise funds as potential sources. The council expressed general support for the project's potential to address the city's housing needs and agreed to move the item forward for a formal vote at the next meeting, pending a more detailed financial analysis from staff.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Peterson, seconded by Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk