

# **CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

## **BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

### **Special Council Meeting – June 9, 2025**

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, June 9, 2025 at 6:28 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Prince presiding.

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

Present: City Manager Rich Spiczka, Planning & Building Administrative Assistant Ainslee Krause, HRDC Community Development Specialist Sandy Hennum

#### HRDC Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant

Spiczka reported that in order to support the grant for infrastructure with the proposed project the City needs to match \$500,000 in funding in order to be awarded the maximum match which is \$500,000. A summary TIF run sheet for the proposed 39 unit project the Beltrami County HRA is proposed for the match was provided. That run, which is likely conservative to present values being over a year old, generates \$448,188. The Beltrami County HRA is also willing to partner in the match and have pledged \$100,000 to the match portion. This total is more than enough to meet the maximum grant we could receive.

As City staff and BHRA/HRDC staff we realize there are a lot of moving parts with a project of this scope, none of which can be 100% fully vetted at this point. Staff realize in the event we are awarded the grant and start working through the project there could be changes required that may increase the scope and cost of the project. We believe the baseline we are starting from is appropriate and accurate, but obviously when moving through final design and construction changes of some nature will likely be needed. We think it is mindful for all to understand we are committing to working together and there is no burden of expectation falling directly on the City's shoulders for these changes. Councilmembers were unanimously supportive, asking minimal questions about the project's layout, property ownership, and potential development challenges.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6625: Certifying the Match Portion of Application and Authorizing to Submit to Minnesota Housing's 2025 Housing Infrastructure Grant Program was offered by Councilmember Thayer, who moved its adoption, and upon due second by Councilmember Peterson, passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Thayer, seconded by Fiskevold Gould, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ainslee Krause  
Planning & Building Administrative Assistant