

BEMIDJI SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 10, 2026

**City Hall – 317 4th Street NW
3:30 PM**



1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A) August 13, 2026

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state your name and address; please use appropriate language and no derogatory comments towards any individuals; please keep your comments limited to 3 minutes or less; and the chair may limit speakers and times accordingly.

5) OLD BUSINESS

B) Comprehensive Planning Update

C) Bemidji EV Infrastructure Roadmap – recap final report

i) Letter to Pioneer editor addressing misconceptions held by Council members?

- 8/19 summary of Council proceedings written by Zachary Thole

D) Annual Report

i) Native Landscaping

- i. BP 16.5 Enact an ordinance to preserve/replace trees and soils, non-invasive landscaping
- ii. BP 17.5 Adopt and implement guidelines or design standards for rain gardens

ii) Waste & Recycling

- i. BP 22.2 Increase waste prevention, reuse, & recycling; move to cyclical materials mgmt
- ii. BP 22.7 Conduct a circularity assessment to support reduction of waste leakage

iii) Energy Efficiency

- i. BP 2.1 Create outreach plan to achieve residential energy efficiency
- ii. BP 13.2 Right-size fleet w/ most fuel-efficient vehicles of optimal size for intended use
- iii. BP 13.3 Phase-in changes including electric vehicles, and no-idling

practices

- iv) Strategies by which we approach the annual report
 - i. Encouraging questions from Council members

6) NEW BUSINESS

E) Reports

- i) Sacred Bundle, Inc. — *SUB-2026-0004: Prelim/Final PUD/CUP Planning Case*
- ii) Member Retention and Recruitment

F) Upcoming Events or Grant Opportunities

- i) Monarch Butterfly Festival – 10th Annual
 - Saturday, September 19th from 1:00-4:00pm @ Headwaters Peace Center

7) ADJOURN