



The screenshot shows the City of Bemidji website interface. At the top left is the Bemidji logo with the tagline "First City On The Mississippi" and the GBAJPB logo. At the top right is a "Sign Up or Log In" link. Below the header, the text "City of Bemidji, MN" is on the left and "support: (218) 759-3560 placeholder@placeholder.com" is on the right. The main content area features four service cards: "My Portal" (blue), "Contact Us" (purple), "Public Notices" (brown), and "Parcel Search" (green). Each card includes an icon, a title, a brief description, and a "GO >" button. Below this is a section titled "Other services" with two icons: "Reports" (blue) and "Documents" (blue).

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***JPB staff will still have delayed timelines as staff shortages across the city have affected all departments. ***
Please be advised that correspondence will be delayed, permit review times lengthened, along with meeting availability and times will need to be scheduled. Expect a two-week timeline for permitting requests/review, two-week timeline for enforcement calls/emails, three-week timeline for development meetings. We are doing our best to provide the services everyone expects.

*****JPB Board Meeting Thursday September 7th, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.*****

JPB News

There has been a great deal of activity for the JPB over the last month.

JPB staff attended the housing work session to discuss planning & zoning options for housing needs. Staff will be working on updating the Comprehensive Plan along with the Ordinance after the first of the year. Staff also attended a budget meeting with the Council to discuss next year's budget needs.

The planning director met with a representative of Northern Township to discuss items on the upcoming dissolution.

Staff had several meetings with developers over the last month to discuss development throughout the area along with specific sites.

A staff member will be on a much-needed vacation for two weeks in September and we had other staff on much-needed vacation for a week last month as well.

Activity Items	2023 Totals
Planning Cases (variances, CUPs, IUPs, Rezones, PUDs, & Plats)	22
Sign Permits	31
Land Use Permits	30
Lot Combinations/Realignments/Divisions Permits	9
Environmental Alteration Permits	7
Temporary Storage Containers/Semi-Trailer Permits	2
Animals Permits/Home Occupation Permits	2
Fence Permits	21
Septic Permits	20
Site Plans Reviews	35
Short-Term Rentals/Renewals	8
Zoning Verification Letters	4
TOTAL ACTIVITY	191*

* As of Augst 30th, 2023

Planning Cases for September/October

There are no planning cases for next month however there is a public hearing scheduled for an Ordinance amendment (see below).

Public Hearing for Ordinance Text Amendment

Greater Bemidji Area Zoning Jurisdiction - ZOA-2023-0006: - The Joint Planning Board is requesting a text amendment to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to create a definition for a new Correctional/Jail or Rehabilitation Center use, excludes that use from the definition of a government building or public safety facility, expressly allows as “P” permitted in the (B-2) General Commercial, (UR) Urban Renaissance, (OM) Office/ Medical, (I-1) Industrial Park/Light Industrial, and (I-2) General Industrial Districts, and establishing performance standards.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

September	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
							1	2
	3	4 Labor Day CLOSED	5	6	7 JPB D. 3:30 & JPB 5pm	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28 JPC	29	30	
	2023	Please Note JPB Meeting Date and Time Change						

October	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 JPB Dissolution @ 3:30	6	7
	8	9 Indigenous People's Day	10	11 JPB	12	13	14
	15	16 National Bosses Day	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26 JPC	27	28
	29	30	31 Halloween				
2023							

November	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3	4
	5 Daylight Saving Ends	6	7	8 JPB	9	10 CLOSED	11 Veterans Day
	12	13	14	15	16 JPC	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25
	26	27	28	29	30		
	2023						

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- There is a scheduled meeting of GBAJPB dissolution committee at City Hall Council Chambers **Thursday, September 7th, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.**
- The Joint Planning Board (JPB) scheduled meeting for **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** will be held in a hybrid form at City Hall Council Chambers and via Telephone or Cisco WebEx, a Web Based Electronic mean.
- The Joint Planning Commission (JPC) scheduled meeting for Thursday, September 28th, 2023 at **6:00 p.m.** will be held in a hybrid form at City Hall Council Chambers and via Telephone or Cisco WebEx, a Web Based Electronic mean.