

MEMO



TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Administrator, Jennifer Bergman
DATE: February 7, 2022
RE: City Administrator Report

BPU Commission Meeting

BPU continues to work on Purchase Power Agreements (PPA) with AEP and B&D Power Solutions and Just for Krypto, LLC. The BPU Commission discussed the draft Customer Initial Expense Deposit Agreements with both companies at their January 25th meeting which will require them to submit a deposit for power purchased. These agreements will be executed when B&D and Just for Krypto, LLC, determine the length of the PPA. BPU is still negotiating with AEP and both companies on the PPA's.

DEED Main Street Revitalization Program

Staff is working with the Initiative Foundation to apply for the Main Street Revitalization Grant Program through DEED. IF will be requesting for approximately \$8 million for the entire region. DEED requires the IF to identify a corridor for the funding to be used. The recommended corridor is the river to 10th Street and Oak to Washington Street. The intent of these funds would be to assist the Region 5 Development Commission (R5DC) to use some of the funding to make the necessary repairs and remodeling of the annex for a shared workspace. In addition, we would like to work with the DDBC to access some funding for a façade program.

<https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/deed-programs/emergency-programs/economic-revitalization/>

Kitchigami Regional Library

County Administrator Houle and I have been asked by Mary Koep to assist the Kitchigami Regional Library (KRS) with a strategic planning session that will be held on April 21st. We will be conducting sessions on governance, strategic planning and goals.

Redistricting

The Charter states that "the Council must, within 60 days after each U.S. decennial census, readjust the boundaries of the four (4) wards provided there is a 10% or more deviation in population among said wards." The census shows that there was not more than a 10% change in population in any of Brainerd's wards (see attached); therefore, redistricting is not required. Baxter City Administrator Chapulis and I met with Debby Erickson to discuss redistricting process. The City Council should still hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution reaffirming the ward boundaries.

2020 Census Redistricting Population Data 1/28/22

City	Population
Brainerd	14,491
Baxter	8,612
Unorganized	5,649

District	Population	Ward Population	Variance from Average Population = 3623	Variance %	Voter Count
Baxter P-1E	3,460				2,315
Baxter P-1W	1,810				1,278
Baxter P-2E	1,770				1,254
Baxter P-2W	1,572				1,094
Brainerd W-1 P-1	1,680	3,527	-96	-2.65%	779
Brainerd W-1 P-2	1,847				1,176
Brainerd W-2 P-1	2,266	3,625	2	0.06%	1,177
Brainerd W-2 P-2	1,359				808
Brainerd W-3 P-1	1,683	3,571	-52	-1.44%	816
Brainerd W-3 P-2	1,877				1,030
Brainerd W-3 P-3	11				8
Brainerd W-4 P-1	2,180	3,768	145	4.00%	1,089
Brainerd W-4 P-2	1,588				790
Red	1,767				1,314
White	1,600				1,122
Blue	2,282				1,609