

BELVIEW BULLETIN

September 2013

Special Information Council Meeting Held:

On Tuesday, September 17, 2013 a special informational council meeting which was open to the public was held. Mayor Marlo Sander introduced Chuck Vermeersch from S. E. H.. Chuck is the project manager. Mayor Sander also introduced Monte Eastvold. Monte is the City's financial advisor from Northland Securities.

Chuck Vermeersch explained the "process" so far. He noted that the City Council has completed a feasibility study to help them determine which areas in Belview need to be addressed first. All sewer lines have been cleaned & televised and this has enabled them to see what areas are in need of repair. He also explained the reason the City Council took the necessary step of increasing the water and sewer rates this spring was to help generate the revenue needed for the proposed project. The proposed Phase One includes rebuilding 2nd Street, replacing the sewer and water mains, new curb & gutter, and a retention pond at the brush site to hold the storm water prior to it discharging into the County Ditch. He explained the purpose of the holding pond and the benefits of it should we choose to do it as part of the project.

He discussed the next steps to be taken if the City Council chooses to proceed which would be to approve the Feasibility Study. At that time, the property holders along the proposed Phase One project would be notified of a meeting to discuss how it would impact them.

Monte Eastvold then explained the funding process of such a project. He noted that Phase One is estimated to cost about \$1.4 million to complete. He explained that Belview has been "responsible" in repairs and maintenance of our infrastructure in the past, so we probably would not qualify for grant funding as there is a limited amount of grants funds available and those with the most serious need are helped first. Belview may not be considered "bad enough off" to qualify for these grant funds. He answered questions regarding how the city could finance the project.

Discussion followed regarding special assessments on the affected properties and how the process works.

Those in attendance at the meeting that evening agreed that the City Council should move ahead with finalizing the feasibility study and setting a date for the neighborhood meeting.

This was an informational meeting only and the City Council welcomed the questions from those in attendance. Future meetings will also be posted and the public is encouraged to attend. Now is the time to be asking questions about the proposed project.