

BELVIEW BULLETIN:

February 2017

2017 MINNESOTA SUMMARY BUDGET DATA:

As required by law, the 2017 Minnesota City Summary Budget Data Report for the City of Belview is being provided for you.

	2016 <u>BUDGETED</u>	2017 <u>BUDGETED</u>
Revenues:		
Property Taxes	105109	108262
Licenses and Permits	5000	4500
State Aid	116233	116376
Other Aid	249787	1987
Grants	0	2000
Charges for Services	18770	17770
Interest on Investments	1000	1000
Miscellaneous Revenue	58763	96720
Total Revenues	\$554662	\$348615
Other Financing Sources	32340	27840
Transfers In		
<u>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER</u>		
FUNDING SOURCES:	\$587002	\$376455
Expenditures:		
General Government	130391	138803
Public Safety	76356	70415
Streets & Highways	113702	126897
Parks and Rec.	12400	12500
Village Park Townhomes	17786	17786
Debt Service Principal	9803	9803
Debt Service Interest and		
Fiscal Charges	10009	10009
Streets and Highway Const.	290340	0
Capital Outlay		
Total Expenditures and Other		
Financing Uses	\$660359	\$386213

The budgeted difference between 2016 and 2017 is due to the Local Road Improvement Grant that we received from the MN Department of Transportation. The work was completed in 2016.

BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Belview will be at the Government Center in Redwood Falls at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19th. The purpose of this meeting is to determine if property has been valued and classified properly by the Assessor and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

2017 Water and Sewer Rates:

The February utility bill statement reflects a slight increase to both water and sewer rates. The City Council approved a .25 increase to both the water and sewer base rate for 0-200 cubic feet plus a .005 increase for each cubic foot over 200. The last increase in rates was in February 2013.

The City Clerk's Office will be closed March 14-17, 2017 for the MN Clerk's and Finance Officers Conference.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A WORTHWHILE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

Recruitment is a major issue for volunteer departments across the country, and it is no different for us here in Belview. Our first responders are dangerously close to having to disband as there are only two dedicated volunteers at this time. With full time jobs and busy lives that sometimes take them out of the area there are times when these two are unable to respond to a first responder call. They feel bad when this happens but it is impossible for them to respond to all calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Yet, they do the best they can and are not ready to throw in the towel yet. What they are hoping for are motivated individuals who will step up and volunteer alongside them to help keep this valuable service going. To find out about what is involved in becoming a first responder contact Lori at the City Clerk's office. If you happen to see Rita or Bailey Donner take a moment to thank them for their dedication and ask them what it means to them to be a volunteer first responder.

Our volunteer fire department is also slowly dwindling in numbers and is in need of dedicated men and women who want to help them keep the community safe. With a number of firemen looking at retiring in the next few years this is the perfect opportunity to join the department and work with these great guys and learn from their experience. We're always looking for motivated volunteers who want to help keep the community safe.

If you're interested in joining the fire department or the first responder squad or just would like more information on training and requirements, please send us a message at belview@mtvwireless.com or call the City Clerk's office at 507-938-4335.

