

CITY OF BELVIEW

August 9, 2011

The City Council of the City of Belview met for a regular monthly meeting on August 9, 2011 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

PRESENT: Council Members: Marlo Sander, Linda Sullivan, Dianne Donner, Janet Anderson, Myrle Peterson

ABSENT: None

STAFF: David Diekmann, Lori Ryer

OTHERS: Chuck Veermersch, Bruce Gryting, Mike Huston, and Ron Iverson

Mayor Marlo Sander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. Consent agenda was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and second by Linda Sullivan. Approved.

Bruce Gryting, thanked everyone for the great job done after the storm. He also asked for permission to burn the remains of the barn that was damaged during the storm. He was asked to contact the fire department.

Chuck Vermeersch of S.E.H. was present to go over the estimates received for the sanitary sewer cleaning and televising. There were five estimates received and the low estimate was from Empire Pipe Service out of Mankato for a cost of \$19,967.50. The discussion was also held on the jetting of the storm sewers after the storm. It may be beneficial to have the Empire Pipe Service do the work when they are here. Chuck will check into it further.

Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to accept the estimate. There is a chance the storm drain cleaning may be covered either by insurance or by FEMA.

Mike Huston, was present to request permission to start a used car sales business in Belview. He would have the office in his garage and the lot would be elsewhere in town. His intention is to start on a low scale doing mostly internet sales and local sales by demand. Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson. Carried.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to start the abatement process on the Gullickson property. We may have to wait until we have contracted with a new city attorney.

Ron Iverson, suggested coming up with a plan showing an inventory of existing trees. He also offered to help design a re-forestation plan. He suggested planting a variety of species with emphasis on hardy, He also suggested having a plan that covers a number of years. He also noted the number of ash trees that will need to be removed within the next couple of years due to the emerald ash bore that will be here within the next few years. He would be able to help the city and the individual homeowners.

Storm damage review was done, insurance was discussed. FEMA was also discussed.

A letter was reviewed from Attorney Nicholas Brozek. He will be asked to attend the Sept. meeting.

The city council approved the contract with Darin Haslip. Darin will be our building inspector on a as needed basis.

Dog complaints were addressed. Lori has arranged for the impounding of stray dogs. If the owner of the dogs are not known it can be very expensive process at the city's expense.

Lori was asked to check whether or not flag poles are covered under insurance.

David noted that he has debris in the ponds that needs to be removed.

Janet Anderson made a motion Dianne Donner to approve request from Grace Lutheran for closing off the street for a special event on Sept. 10th.

Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to adjourn.