CITY OF BELVIEW
June 10, 2014

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting including a public hearing on the proposed street project on June 10, 2014 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

PRESENT: Mayor Marlo Sander, Council Members: Dianne Donner, Linda Sullivan, Janet Anderson, Myrle Peterson
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Lori Ryer, David Diekmann
OTHERS: Andy Kehren, Mark Traen

Mayor Sander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. The consent agenda was approved on a motion from Linda Sullivan and was seconded by Dianne Donner.

Mayor Sander called the public hearing to order at 6:40 p.m.. Andy Kehren presented the 5 year street reconstruction or overlay plan. The work to be done includes all of 2nd Street with an estimated project cost of $221,960. It also includes work on South 3rd Street with an estimated project cost of $90,450. Discussion was also held on including the apron repairs in front of the fire hall.

Andy reviewed the tentative project schedule. Myrle Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to proceed with the advertising for bids. MN Statute 475 (regarding street reconstruction bonds) has a limiting factor as to the size of the bond issue. This is based on 3% of the City’s Market Value. In Belview’s case, the city’s market value is $10,598,600. At 3%, the maximum size for a street reconstruction bond would be rounded up to $315,000. If the project is more than that amount either the project needs to be downsized or the City could make a cash contribution towards the project, effectively reducing the size of the bond issue to within the statutory limit.

A request from the first responders was to purchase 3 new pagers. This was approved by a motion from Dianne Donner and was seconded by Linda Sullivan. The first responders also asked for the Council to approve Tracy Grannes to be added to their service. This was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and was seconded by Dianne Donner.

The council also approved Julie Faugstad as an election judge for 2014 by a motion from Dianne Donner and seconded by Janet Anderson. Training for judges is provided by the County Auditor and will be held on June 25th at the Redwood Community Center.

Discussion was held on the Parkview Home Board opening. No one had shown interest in joining the board at this time so further discussion was tabled until the July meeting.
Chief Donner asked what should be done with the radios that were taken out of the trucks. Myrtle Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to consider them excess property. Chief Donner will find out what the potential value. They will then be sold.

The Belview Fire Department and the Belview City Council has been working on reviewing the by-laws for the fire department. It was decided that no firemen jacket or shirts will be given to firemen until they have completed training. It was also decided that if firemen are unable to attend a training they are to make up the training at another time. The training is kept track of my the department. Individuals wishing to join the department must complete and pass both a physical exam and background checks before they can join the department. The City Council will also require the completion of an application as part of joining the department. The individual will first go before the chief and assistant chiefs and then the city council. This will be discussed with the city attorney. Before the by-laws are updated these changes will be discussed with the City Attorney.

John Lewis asked for approval for a fence permit. He provided the council with an aerial view of where the fence would be placed. He also provided a photo of the style of fence that he is planning on installing. Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve his permit application which included the signature of their neighbors stating that they were aware of the Lewis’s intentions to install a fence.

Mayor Sander made a motion to increase the cost of the building permit fee to $25. Property owners that fail to obtain a building permit will be charged an additional $50. An expiration date has also been placed on building permits. They will be good for one year. If the project is not completed within the time frame the property owner will be required to come back to the city council to have them review the permit.

Approval of a sign reflectivity plan as presented was approved by Dianne Donner and was seconded by Janet Anderson.

No motorized vehicles are going to be allowed to drive on the grass in the park. The gates will also be closed. If there continues to be problems of cars and 4 wheelers driving on the grass in the park the council may have to consider putting up posts around the park again.

David Diekmann shared an estimate from Bargen, Inc. on doing some crack sealing. The council put a cap of $3000 on work to be done this year.

David Diekmann was asked to contact the company that is going to line the sewer on Boulevard Street. It was suppose to be done by now.

David Diekmann was asked to contact a property owner about weeds and cleaning up his property. He was also to get the streets swept. The Council also asked him to get someone to haul out the compost from the compost site.

Dianne Donner gave the Parkview/Parkwood report. They are getting a new call system. The census is down a bit but that is considered normal for spring. The administrator had asked if it
was possible to place a cap on the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes that they pay to the city. The City Council did not agree to the request. Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to approve the ECPN program for another year. Carried.

Building permit for the Belview Apple Gourd Project garden shed was approved.

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City Clerk/Treas.                                            Mayor