

## CITY OF BELVIEW

May 11, 2010

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2010 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Lori Ryer, David Diekmann

**OTHERS:** Joel Solie,

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

Joel Solie, City Attorney, will be contacting law enforcement to have them issue a citation to a property owner for not hooking up to city sewer by the May 1, 2010 deadline. They have been found to be in violation of the city's environmental ordinance for not connecting to the city sewer system and apparently not having a properly working septic system which is considered a public health hazard. The property owners have never attended a council meeting or discussed this issue with any of the council members in an effort to resolve this matter.

Fire Chief David Diekmann, asked for permission to apply for a DNR grant. It is a 50/50 match. Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the request for wildland turnout gear.

The Fire Chief also asked the council how they would like to handle billing for when the fire department responds to accidents scenes. It was decided to charge \$250 per call, divided amongst number of vehicles involved. This will be for the first 3 hours with additional charges thereafter plus expenses.

The City Council ratified the fire department's request to add Kyle Slettedahl as a new member.

Discussion was held on the need to watch mileage for fire training. In the future it is suggested that at least 2 or 3 firemen go to training if possible.

The council reviewed job application received for the summer help position. Applications will not be accepted after Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. David Diekmann will contact the City Council for approval of his choice for the position.

Donations were received for the fire dept. and the first responders for the family of Andy McNamara. The fire department and first responders were called to assist in the rescue/recovery efforts.

The old Cenex property located at the corner of Main Street and Hibbard Avenue was discussed. Lori Ryer noted that at the direction of the property owners she had contacted MPCA to request information on the proper removal of the buried fuel tanks.

Checking and Investment report was reviewed.

Sick and Vacation report was also reviewed.

David Diekmann said that he had not heard from the company coming to do the sewer project. They were going to be here the first part of May.

He reported that Maquire Iron would be here the next day to do the annual water tower maintenance

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David asked for permission to get prices on replacing windows in the city shop in an effort to make the building more energy efficient

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David asked if the city would be interested in doing any crack repair. He was asked to get quotes.

Marlo Sander mentioned that there are few spots in our new sidewalk that are flaking pretty bad by the churches. David Diekmann was asked to inquire from the company that did the work if there is a chance that it was because of bad cement.

The Parkview/Parkwood report was given. The financial report will be mailed to the council and the board as soon as possible as they were not available at the time of the meeting.

Joel Solie, City Attorney was directed to send a letter to a property owner regarding environmental concerns.

Lori Ryer discussed conversations she had had with David Pearson, Xcel regarding concerns that Xcel may not be allowing cities to hang Christmas decorations, banners and flags on Xcel's street light poles. It was mentioned in the minutes during the contract negotiations that we be allowed to hang our Christmas decorations, banners and flags on their poles. We have fuse boxes on each pole and our decorations are new. Apparently, a neighboring town had an electric pole burn up because of a faulty Christmas decoration.

Reminder that spring cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 15.

Meeting adjourned.

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City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor