

CITY OF BELVIEW

May 13, 2014

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on May 13, 2014 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

The sealed bids were opened for the 1987 Ford Ranger which the council had declared as excess property at the April council meeting. There were 9 bids received. The high bid of \$1515 was accepted by a motion by Dianne Donner and seconded by Linda Sullivan.

Andy Kehren of Bolten and Menk was present to discuss the 2nd and 3rd Street project that is being proposed. Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donner to approve a draft 5 year Capital Improvement Plan as presented with the removal of the proposed work on Hibbard Avenue. This will then be presented at a public hearing for formal approval. The council also authorized the preparation of plans and specifications for the proposed work to be done on Second and Third Street.

The City Council called for a hearing on Improvements and for a hearing on the 5 year capital improvement plan to be held at the June 10, 2014 council meeting. Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve holding the hearings.

Lori Ryer discussed the Belview Apple Gourd Project that she is involved in. The garden will be located behind the Belview Learning Center. The project is funded through a Blue Cross Blue Shiled grant that was applied for by the Redwood Early Childhood Foundation. The grant included funds to do community gardens in Redwood Falls, Morton, Belview and the Lower Sioux Community. The focus of the grant is families with children 0 to 5 years old. Both kids and adults will planting, taking care of and harvesting the garden. The produce from the garden will be shared with all of those participating during the season. The grant funds helped to purchase all of the supplies for the Belview Apple Gourd Project including fencing, storage shed, garden tools, plants and seeds. The children from the Belview Learning Center will also be involved and will be helping with the marking of the garden, starting some plants indoors and mapping of the garden and other things as time allows in their schedule. Lori noted that Linda Sullivan, Barb Lewis, Don Ryer and Jessie Huhnerkoch are also involved in the project.

Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Dianne to approve a fence permit for Jill Ousky for a decorative fence to be placed on the west side of their home. The council approved the permit contingent on signed approval of their neighbor. Carried.

Bailey Marhoun was hired for the part time summer worker position.

David Diekaman was asked to blade the alleys on a regular basis. David received a certificate of commendation from MPCA for his exemplary efforts in maintaining the city's waste water treatment ponds in 2013.

Linda Sullivan made a motion seconded by Marlo Sander to approve election judges. Dianne Donner, Joanne Aamoth, Dan Rohman, Janet Anderson, Jan Eilers. Carried.

Discussion was held on the upcoming certification of training that is required of at least one council member to attend in order for them to conduct the city's Board of Appeals and Equalization hearing. If the council is unable to have someone attend this training the hearing is then held at the County Government Center by the County Assessor.

Discussion on purchasing some tables for the Odeon. A local organization is considering also purchasing some tables for the Odeon. They will determine the number of tables to purchase when they find out how many will be donated to the Odeon from the local organization.

Dianne Donner gave the Parkview/Parkwood monthly report.

The City Council is reviewing the by-laws of the fire department. The fire chief was unable to attend the council meeting so further discussion was tabled until the next council meeting.

The City Council was asked to discuss possibly putting up another housing unit like Village Park Townhomes. After discussion was held it was determined that it would be better if a private developer were to undertake such a project rather than the city at this time.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to adjourn.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor