The City Council of the City of Belview met for a regular monthly meeting on October 11, 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: Myrle Peterson

STAFF: Lori Ryer

OTHERS: Chuck Vermeersch

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 Dianne Donner. Approved

Only one bid had been received on the truck box that had been declared excess property by the City Council. The City Council declined the bid received and will re-advertised. The desired minimum bid set by the fire department was not met.

A quote from Bargen was received for crack sealing due to storm damage. The crack sealing will have to be done next spring as it is too late in the fall to do the work now. The quote will be included in the request to FEMA for reimbursement.

Water tower quotes were received. No action taken at this time. City Council decided to wait to see if the work to be done is covered by either city insurance or FEMA before they contract with anyone. This work also should wait until spring.

The City Council discussed the financing of the project. The projected project cost is $150,840. A grant was received for $29,534 from the MN Historical Society. Approximately $10,000 of the project costs will be paid for from Preservation Commission funds.

It was decided to hold off on doing any infrastructure improvements until after 2012 due to the expenses of the storm. All storm related expenses have paid at this time and the city is waiting for reimbursement from the city’s insurance and from FEMA. The City will continue to work on a capital improvement plan. Chuck Veermersch of S.E.H. brought the report and dvd’s from Empire Pipe Service regarding the televising and jetting done on the sanitary sewer lines. He will review the reports and then come back and review with David.

There has been no action on the Elevator Street question raised by the County Assesor’s office since the last meeting. City Clerk Lori Ryer reported that she had done considerable research and will share her findings with the city attorney.
The First Responders requested 2 pagers and 2 coolers. They had a very good fund raiser in August. Linda Sullivan approved their request and it was seconded by Dianne Donner. Carried.

The City Council made the decision to not plant any trees until next year due partly because it is getting late in the year but mainly because the tree replacement cost is not covered by insurance or FEMA.

A motion was made by Janet Anderson and was seconded by Dianne Donner to certify the unpaid bill for cleaning up a property to the County Auditor to be included on the property owner’s 2012 property tax statement. Carried.

Linda and Dianne gave a report on Parkview and Parkwood. There are now asbestos issues. When carpeting was removed it pulled up some of the tile. There is asbestos in the tiles. There is a plenum issue also that needs to be taken care of. There is still litigation between insurance and adjusters and the State.

The City Council discussed the replacement of the Welcome to Belview signs. They will be using the logo design by Barb Lewis.

Parkview Home Payment In Lieu of Taxes Resolution was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and seconded by Dianne Donner.

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City Clerk/Treas.                              Mayor

CITY OF BELVIEW
October 27, 2011

The City Council of the City of Belview met for a special meeting on October 27, 2011 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 7:00 p.m..

PRESENT:  Council Members: Linda Sullivan, Dianne Donner, Janet Anderson, Myrle Peterson
ABSENT:   Marlo Sander
STAFF:    Lori Ryer
OTHERS:   Nicolas Brozak, Monte Eastvold, and Jim Broich

Acting Mayor Linda Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Monte Eastvold of Northland Securities was present to discuss the procedure for the financing of a project to be done at Parkview/Parkwood. He noted that general obligation bonds which would have the full backing of the city’s taxing authority have the lowest interest rate of any other options available to the city. He also explained that the City could make a request of the Redwood County Board of Commissioners to have them grant their authority to issue these type of bonds. MN Statute allows this to be done because the County does not have their own nursing home so they can give this authority to City’s within the county that need to do financing. The City Council did this on a previous bond issue for Parkview Home. Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to make a formal request to the County Commissioners to transfer their bonding authority to the City Council for this nursing home project. Carried. It was noted that this motion did not approve any dollar amount as there were two options presented to the council by Parkview Administration. The motion was only to approve making the request to the County Commissioners for the authority to issue the bonds. Lori Ryer will coordinate the meeting with the Commissioners. It will be sometime on November 15th. Parkview Administration had presented two proposals. One proposal includes a plenum, a new generator that would be large enough for the whole building and re-doing the nurse’s station at a cost of $572,806. The second proposal does not include the generator and would be $360,306.

There was a motion from Myrle Peterson which was seconded by Janet Anderson to approve redemption of a CD in the amount of $78,856.71 to help cover the costs related to the storm until the city is able to be reimbursed from insurance and FEMA. Carried.

The remaining amount needed to pay for the Odeon Hall project will be paid from cash reserves. When the time comes that the City Council proceeds with the needed infrastructure improvements they may possibly have to also issue general obligation bonds. Low interest loan/grant programs will be researched in the meantime. The City only has three years left to pay on the 1993 Waste Water Ponds Bond.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to adjourn.

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