

CITY OF BELVIEW

October 8, 2013

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on October 8, 2013 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Lori Ryer, David Diekmann

OTHERS: None

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.

Myrle Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donne to table proceeding with the 2nd street project as proposed by the engineer. It was decided to jet and televise the storm sewers. After reviewing the financing for this project, the City Council felt that it was too large of a burden on the taxpayers. The council has decided to meet with Jeff Dale of MN Rural Water at a special meeting in regards to how the city should proceed. It is the feeling of the City Council that they would like to bite off smaller chunks of the work that needs to be done throughout town rather than focusing on just the one street and pay for things as they go or take out smaller loans that could be paid back before beginning the next portion of the work that needs to be done.

Lori Ryer, City Clerk shared a note from the state auditors office stating that we need to update Windows XP before April 8, 2014.

Dianne Donner gave the Parkview/Parkwood report. She stated that a new bookkeeper has been hired. Dianne also shared that there are 24 residents in Parkview and 18 in Parkwood Apartments.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to approve a building permit application for Steve Bernardy for a deck.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the engagement letter with Mike Uhlenkamp for the 2013 audit.

A motion was made by Myrle Peterson and was seconded by Dianne Donner to adjourn.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor

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October 29, 2013

The City Council of the City of Belview met for a special meeting on October 29, 2013 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m.. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Jeff Dale of MN Rural Water to discuss options on dealing with infrastructure repairs and maintenance and also to review snow plow truck quotes.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Lori Ryer, David Diekmann

OTHERS: Jeff Dale

Mayor Sander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. Discussion was held on the two snow plow trucks available through the State of Minnesota. The prices are very affordable and they will deliver. Myrle Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donner to purchase either one. Approved. Another city has first option on one of the trucks. If both trucks are available the City Council ask David to choose the one that he felt is the best for us.

Jeff Dale of MN Rural Water was introduced. He gave the Council ideas on how they could proceed if they choose not to go with the plan as presented by the engineers from S.E.H.. He told the Council that he likes to recommend that city's work with agencies like Rural Development first to ascertain how much debt the city is able to handle and what the potential impact would be to the taxpayers. He commended the City Council on taking the initiative to review the city's infrastructure needs prior to having to be forced to undertake a huge, costly project. It was noted that the City's infrastructure is in relatively good shape according to the assessment the City had done. He commented that while he understood the Council's reservations on the proposed project costs he felt that doing nothing was not a good idea either. He suggested that when possible it is sometimes better for small cities to do projects in smaller portions, financing it for a few years and then move on to the next phase verses doing a big project and incurring a large debt that would take many years to pay off.

Jeff also discussed various funding agencies and the programs that they have available to help cities finance infrastructure projects.

The City Council directed the City Clerk to contact Rural Development and begin conversations with them regarding the financing of future infrastructure improvements.

Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor