

CITY OF BELVIEW

April 13, 2010

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on April 13, 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

OTHERS: Joel Solie, Mark Erickson, Jim Broich

Mayor Sander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. The consent agenda was approved by a motion from Myrle Peterson and was seconded by Janet Anderson. Carried.

Joel Solie, City Attorney was present to discuss the city's position on a piece of property not currently hooked up to city sewer. After repeated attempts to contact the property owner nothing has been done to date. They have been given a May 1, 2010 deadline. Joel Solie will be working with us to prepare for a meeting on or near May 1st if needed. The city contact the county environmental office to see if they have authority over faulty septic systems even if it fall within city limits. If the property is not hooked up to city sewer by the deadline a citation will be given to the property owner.

Mark Erickson, of the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, gave a report on the 2010 Rail Coalition Update called "We hear the train a coming." He noted that they will continue to try and procure funding for the railroad improvements and asked for the city's continued support.

Jim Broich, Parkview Nursing Home Administrator, discussed the low census which is not uncommon to nursing homes our size. We also have to compete with the swing beds at the hospital. With Medicare rates being frozen at last years rate they are having to operate at last year's rates with this year's increased costs.

Parkview Home is now licensed as a 35 bed home. There are currently 11 empty beds. Jim discussed steps that they are taking to try and turn things around. The Parkview Nursing Home board is changing their monthly meeting to the same date as the City Council meeting so that the City Council may be kept more current on Nursing Home issues. Jim Broich mentioned that they are discussing the possibility of doing a day care program for children at the nursing home. He noted that the Springfield Nursing Home has been successfully running a daycare program for children for a number of years.

Discussed was held regarding the installation of a cupboard or cabinet in the balcony for Booster Club and Preservation supplies. This would be paid for by the Booster Club and the Preservation Commission. The Council approved the request but required that the cupboard not be visible above the balcony. This was approved by a motion from Dianne

Donner and seconded by Linda Sullivan. Carried. It was decided to move the light and fan switches to the outside of the balcony door so the door could be locked.

A request was received from Darren Haugen to get permission from the City Council to rent a position on water tower for a repeater tower for his business. The City Clerk Lori Ryer had checked with everyone who currently rents a position on the tower to make sure that there were no problems with an additional repeater tower being on the water tower. No one had a concern so the request was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and was seconded by Dianne Donner.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to not run expenses for the 125th celebration through the city's general fund. Carried. It was suggested to see if the Booster Club would consider taking care of the account. If they were not able to City Clerk Lori Ryer was to check what was required to set up a new account for this purpose.

The City Council requested that employee logs be delivered by the 4th of the month.

City Clerk Ryer reported on the Minnesota Clerk's and Finance Officers Association Conference and the League of Minnesota's Loss Control Workshop she had attended.

Discussion was held on how Third Street is breaking up where it had recently been repaired. It was decided to check with Redwood County Highway Department for suggestions.

The City Council requested that the mini-golf course be up by May 1st.

A letter was read from the owners of the old Cenex property offering the property to the City for \$5000. The City Council appreciated the offer but declines.

The City will be hiring someone for summer help again this year. The position will be advertised in the Tri. Co. News and posters around town.

The City Council declared the date for the City's 125th Celebration as Sept. 14, 15, and 16th of 2012.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Janet Anderson and second by Linda Sullivan. Carried.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor