

CITY OF BELVIEW

August 13, 2013

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on August 13, 2013 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Lori Ryer, David Diekmann

OTHERS: Mike Uhlenkamp and Jeff Johannsen

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.

Mike Uhlenkamp & Associates presented the 2012 audit.

Discussion was held on the appointment of a member for the Parkview Board. There were four individuals that had expressed interest in the open position on the board. A motion was made to appoint Julie Holt to the board. It died for the lack of a second. A motion was then made to reappoint Linda Sullivan by Dianne Donner, it was seconded by Myrle Peterson. Dianne Donner, Myrle Peterson and Marlo Sander voted in favor of reappointing Linda Sullivan to the board for another term. Linda Sullivan abstained from voting and Janet Anderson voted against. The motion was approved.

Jeff Johannsen was present to question a bill that had previously been submitted to the City Council for reimbursement of \$57 for rotor roter service at his residence. He was under the impression that the problem was not in his service line but in the city's main sewer line. After much discussion with City Maint. David Diekmann, the City Council maintained that the problem was in his service line and not in the city main. The service line is the responsibility of the homeowner and the sewer main is the responsibility of the City. It is hard to determine positively where the problem may have occurred after it has been cleaned out. They did agree to have the sewer line jetted on Boulevard Street as soon as possible. They also will review the tape of the televising that was done in 2011 of the main. Individual service lines were not televised but it would show the condition of the entrance of the service line. The recommendation by the League of MN Cities is to jet sewer lines once every 3 to 5 years and this line was last done in the fall of 2011. The City Council also asked that as soon as Jeff Johannsen were to notice a problem again that he contact the City and David would then check the city main to see if it is flowing properly.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the quote with Redwood Falls Nursery for the planting of 35 trees with mulch. The City Council asked that if possible the planting be done before Old SOD Day. Carried.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Myrle Peterson to approve an amendment to the City's Animal Ordinance in regards to the keeping of chickens within city limits. The newly amended ordinance is much more detailed in regards to the number of chickens allowed. An annual permit is also required to be completed and approved by the City Council. Carried.

The City Council continues to discuss amending the current building ordinance. A number of concerns have been brought before the council about allowing large storage sheds to be built on empty lots or on lots where the proposed storage shed is larger than the primary residence on the property. More research needs to be done and this will again be addressed at the September meeting.

The budget meeting for the 2014 proposed budget has been set for August 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

The Sick and Vacation report was reviewed.

David Diekmann reported on the quotes that he had received for the replacement of furnaces in the fire hall and the community center. He had asked three different vendors for a quote and only received two. The City Council approved the quotes from Countryside Plumbing on a motion by Dianne Donner and a second by Linda Sullivan. Carried.

He also noted that a military marker for Duane Fish had been damaged with the lawn mower. He is checking on the cost to repair it or replace it if necessary.

Two building permits were approved, one for Talbert Olson and one for Rich Sullivan.

A request for information was received asking what the charge would be to park 4 to 6 campers in Sander Park for 3 to 4 weeks. It was noted that there are 4 electrical hook-ups. The City Council decided to ask for donations to cover the cost of the electricity.

Myrle Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to approve the quote for new street name signs and posts. The signs will be blue with white lettering. David was asked to get them installed before Old SOD Day if possible. Carried.

A letter is to be sent to a couple of residents regarding violations to the city's environmental ordinance. There are a couple of properties that have a lot of weeds, along with tires and other accumulated junk.

Myrle Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to adjourn.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor

