CITY OF BELVIEW

February 12, 2013

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2013 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

PRESENT: Council Members: Dianne Donner, Linda Sullivan, Myrle Peterson and Janet Anderson,
ABSENT: Marlo Sander
STAFF: Lori Ryer, David Diekmann
OTHERS: Mike Stordahl, Clif Lerud

Actying Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. The consent agenda was approved on a motion from Myrle Peterson and was seconded by Dianne Donner.

Discussion was held on a letter from FEMA asking the City Council if they would like to opt in or out of the National Flood Insurance Program. The City Council made the decision to not opt in to the program because within city limits we do not have a problem with flooding.

The question regarding the minimum age for a person to be a first responder in Belview brought to the City Council. Currently, there is not a written policy on the matter. The League of MN Cities research department and the city's insurance agent were contacted to see if there were any statutes that regulate the minimum age for a first responder. It was apparent that this is a matter to be decided by the City Council as there is no state statute setting a minimum age. The matter was tabled until further research can be conducted.

Mike Stordahl, Parkview Home Administrator introduced himself to the council members that he had not had a chance to meet yet. The City of Belview entered into a contract with the City of Clara City to share the administrator position.

Discussion was held on the mold issue in the first responder garage. Myrle Peterson offered to check into possible solutions.

The City Council extended their gratitude to those members of the Belview Volunteer Fire Department who recently volunteered their time to paint the interior of the fire hall.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to approve a liquor license for Jake's. John Jacobson purchased the bar from Inn Like Flinn and will be taking over as of March 1, 2013. Carried.

Clif Lerud was present to ask for permission to put on an addition to his garage on his house. Janet Anderson made the motion to approve the building permit request and the motion was seconded by Myrle Peterson. Carried.

Letter of support for the ATV Park to be built in Renville County was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and seconded by Dianne Donner. Carried.

The City Council discussed the city's investment options. In the past the city's investment policy was only to purchase certificates of deposit at the local bank. Due to some changes in banking as it relates to public funds it was decided to research other available investing options.

The sick and vacation reports were reviewed.

The Parkview Home report was given by Dianne Donner. The new administrator is now here. The census is at 23. They made a guest room for family members to stay in while visiting. The room that was used was found to be too small for any other use but works perfectly for this purpose. It was noted that the room has already been utilized by family and staff. There will be a $25 per night charge for family to stay.

The Parkview Board discussed the need to have a backup for their maintenance supervisor for snow removal and other things that might come up in his absence. A brief discussion was then held as to whether there would be any benefit in creating a shared position to assist with snow removal and other maintenance duties between the City of Belview and Parkview Home. No action was taken as more information needs to be gathered and discussions held between the Parkview Board and the City Council.

Parkview Home finances seem to be improving due in large part to the increase in the census. Mike Stordahl is doing further research into the ECPN program and how it could work here. He feels that it could be very beneficial to Parkview.

The auditors at Eide Baily are in the process of doing the 2011-2012 audit for Parkview and Parkwood.

Meeting adjourned.

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City Clerk/Treas.   Mayor