

CITY OF BELVIEW

May 14, 2013

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2013 at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

PRESENT: Council Members: Marlo Sander, Linda Sullivan, and Janet Anderson,

ABSENT: Myrle Peterson and Dianne Donner

STAFF: Lori Ryer,

OTHERS:

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

Discussion was held on the reading of water meters. Council member Janet Anderson questioned if the meters needed to be read every month or if they could be read once every three months as was previously done. Her concern was the amount of time it takes to read the meters. City Clerk Lori Ryer noted that there are definite advantages to having the water meters read monthly when it comes to doing the monthly billing especially when utility users question their water usage or if there happens to be a problem. She felt that this was much more of an issue since the City Council established the new rates in which sewer is no longer a flat rate but based on water usage. When meters are only read every three months but billing is done monthly the computer program then had to estimate the readings on the non-read months. This often resulted in adjustments being needed on accounts if the program under or over estimated the readings. Various options were briefly discussed but it was decided that further discussion will wait until David Diekmann is present at a council meeting. It was noted that David Diekmann should install outside readers as soon as possible in homes and business that still have inside readers. This would make reading meters monthly go much quicker. Marlo Sander made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to require a new meter and outside reader to be installed on all residential and commercial properties whenever ownership changes. Carried. Meter and reader are the owner's expense.

April Hultquist is a part time employee of the city but it was agreed that if she was interested and had additional hours in her work week she could work at Parkview helping the maint. Depart.

It was noted that Jeff Ousky has been asked to haul the scrap at spring clean up again this year.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was approved by Linda Sullivan to approve the amending of the foul ordinance. A \$10 annual permit will be required. No rooster will be allowed and there will be a minimum number of chickens allowed at any given time. Specifics of the amendment will be available at the City Clerk's Office.

The property at 506 Hibbard Avenue was discussed. There is still some personal property of the previous owners to be removed but a strict deadline has been given. A walk through with the city's building inspector and the county's environmental officer is being scheduled for as soon as possible to determine the next step.

The City Council approved the appointment of Josh Day to the fire department. Two quotes were received for the removal of a couple of trees by the Odeon. Brian's Tree Service had the low quote for tree removal.

Linda Sullivan gave the Parkview/Parkwood report. The census is currently at 23. The ECPN program is still being worked on but is looking positive.

Lori gave her report and noted that she will be out of the office due to medical reasons for her husband.

Marlo informed the city council that Great Plains will be replacing their infrastructure in Belview sometime in the near future. They will coordinate their plans with the City.

Reminder that fence and building permits are required for all new structures and fences.

Complaints are being received on dogs running at large. Dog license are due June 1st. A copy of current rabies vaccination is required.

New occupancy whether rent or own will have new meter and outside reader including commercial properties. Meter and reader are the owners expense. All meters should have outside readers. MS/JA.

Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor