

CITY OF BELVIEW

October 12, 2010

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on October 12, 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 **ABSENT:** Myrle Peterson

STAFF: Lori Ryer,

OTHERS: Steve Collins, Justin Huseby

Mayor Sander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. After a couple of additions to the agenda the consent agenda was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and was seconded by Dianne Donner. Carried.

Janet Anderson made a motion to approve the purchase of jackets for the first responders as was presented by Justin Huseby. The motion was seconded by Dianne Donner and approved.

City Attorney Steve Collins was present to discuss some ongoing issues regarding violations to the city's environmental ordinance. The City Council will be holding a public meeting to gain input on how the taxpayers would like the council to deal with nuisance and hazardous properties. City Attorney Collins also addressed employee issues. The Sick and Vacation report was also reviewed.

The City Council made the decision to request assistance from 6 individuals from the community to help develop a 5 year plan on improvements. They will meet with the architect and city employees/council.

Mayor Marlo Sander discussed the possible remodel project for the Odeon Hall. Discussion has been held on renovating the existing restrooms and constructing an addition to the northeast corner of the Odeon Hall to house a storage room and a second accessible emergency exit. Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve an application to the Minnesota Historical Society for a Legacy grant to help cover the cost of the architect. The grant is for a maximum award amount of \$7000. The deadline for submission is October 29, 2010.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donner to approve the City's Lock Out Tag Out policy. Carried.

The City Council approved the engagement letter with Uhlenkamp and Assoc for doing the 2010 city audit.

The Checking and Investment Report was reviewed by the City Council.

Due to scheduling conflicts the city will not be sending anyone to the Financing Your Community Projects training session in St. Cloud on Nov. 9 sponsored by MN Rural Water.

Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to locally designate Belview as the "Balloon Capital of MN, more hot air balloons per capita than any other city in MN. City Clerk Lori Ryer has spoken with Senator Fredrickson's office and the MN Department of Tourism on how to proceed with making the designation legislatively. It was recommended to wait until after the first of the year to have our new senator present the declaration.

City Clerk Ryer shared a conversation she had had with a salesman for water meters. The salesman suggested that the city consider including water meter replacement for the whole town when they look at doing an infrastructure project as the majority of our water meters in town are quite old. He discussed the importance of calibrating existing meters in homes to verify that the proper amount of water being used is actually being billed.

Janet Anderson made a motion which seconded by Linda Sullivan to adjourn.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor