

**CITY OF BELVIEW
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2008**

The Belview City Council and the Belview EDA met on April 8, 2008 at the Belview Community Center.

PRESENT: Mayor Marlo Sander, Council Members: Doug Arnold, Linda Sullivan, and Janet Anderson, and Bruce Gryting,

ABSENT: None

STAFF: David Diekmann, Lori Ryer

Others: Richard Sullivan, Ernie Fiala,

Richard Sullivan called the EDA meeting to order. Bills were approved as presented. It was decided that at the next meeting that will be held in June the EDA members will try and come up with some new ideas to work on. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Marlo Sander called the City Council meeting to order. Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the consent agenda. Carried.

Ernie Fiala, Redwood County Highway Engineer was present to discuss the CSAH #9 improvement project. He informed the Council that they ran into some issues with the city sewer line going out to the wastewater ponds. The force main is located within the county right of way. There are two locations where the force main may have to be relocated. This would be at the city's expense. The initial cost was estimated at approx. \$45,000 plus. The county's engineers are looking at alternative options that would not cost as much. Tests have been done to determine the depth of the force main as it is now. The engineers are recommending that there needs to be 7 feet of cover over the main to prevent freezing or some type of blanket insulation. The county highway department will oversee that the project is being done correctly for the city. Ernie Fiala is going to recommend that rather than moving the line they just change the depth of the ditch in those areas and place a blanket of insulation over the line and backfilling it. This is coming it at considerably less cost to the city than originally estimated. It is still unsure of the actual cost to the city. Because this is an unexpected, unbudgeted item the City Council made a request to the county to be able to pay for the city's share of the project over a period of time.

The City Council will be adverting for summer help again this year.

Discussion was held on the proposed Green Energy Park project. The option to buy agreement was reviewed and will be forwarded to the land owner.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on April 14th from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Belview Community Center.

Clean up day and City Wide Rummage sales are both set for May 17th.

Appliance pickup is scheduled for April 16th.

A draft of a cemetery policy was reviewed. Also discussed contacting Sentence To Service and find out if they could edge all markers at the cemetery.

The City Council set the election judge pay for 2008 at \$8.00 per hour. It was noted that the organization Hope For The City was here and took a couple of hundred unused school desks from the school and will shipping them to Tanzania Africa to be used at a new school there. Approximately, twenty sets of old turn out gear was also loaded and will be sent overseas also. The turnout gear did not meet federal OSHA requirements and was replaced with funds from the 2007 Assistance To Firefighters grant that the Belview Volunteer Fire Department received. While the gear did not meet the standards that are set for us they will be very well received by a country that has no gear at all.

A copy of the financial audit of Parkview and Parkwood was given to the council members.

Discussed getting prices for residing the city office and replacing shingles and doors. This will be included in the budget for 2009.

Discussed the need to get the golf course set up again. Farmers Coop Electric will be installing the electricity to it this spring. David was also asked to paint on the necessary stripes on the tennis court.

The elevator property was discussed again. Mayor Sander offered to contact the owner.

The City will be sending out notices to residential property owners regarding junk cars.

The City Council meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor