

CITY OF BELVIEW

August 12, 2008

The Belview City Council and the Belview EDA met for their regular meeting of the month on August 12, 2008, at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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, Barry Hultquist and Ali Jones

The Belview EDA met at 6:30 p.m. at the BCC. Members present: MS, RS, DA, also present Barry Hultquist and Ali Jones. Marlo Sander made a motion to approve the disbursements and the motion was seconded by Doug Arnold. Carried.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. to allow for public comment regarding the loan application from Eastview Apartments LLC. No one was present from the public. The loan was approved as presented.

Ali Jones from SWMN Housing Partnership was present along with Barry Hultquist to assist the EDA in revamping the outdated Down Payment Assistance Program.

Ali Jones stated that the program currently is not being utilized as is and many communities have made changes to their program. One of the ideas was to change the income guidelines that would make the program more usable in today's market. She commented that she has changed the program in 6 other communities and it is still not being utilized. She also discussed a few other options for the funds. The only requirement that SWMNHP has is that there needs to be income guidelines if it is used for housing.

Because the money was granted to the city originally and was loaned out and repaid the funds are now totally at the discretion of the City of Belview/EDA on how they want to use it.

Discussed signage at Village Park Townhomes. The City will check with Clements Lumber to see if they have more paving stones to match the ones that the Parkview Home have used. The City would then purchase what Parkview has left over.

The Belview EDA was adjourned.

The City Council was then called to order. A couple of additions were made to the agenda. Bruce Gryting made a motion to approve the consent agenda his motion was seconded by Linda Sullivan.

Linda Sullivan, Dianne Donner, Geneva Ellingson, Deb Peterson, Joanne Aamoeth, Jan Eilers, Twyla Bevier, and Fern Schjenken were approved as election judges, by a motion from Bruce Gryting and seconded by Doug Arnold.

Dean and Barb Scheer were invited to attend at 7:30 p.m. to discuss their need to hook up to city sewer. They did not attend. The city ordinance clearly states that all households have to hook up to city sewer because we now know that they are able to be. They will be given until Sept 15 to come into compliance. MS/BG. Consequences of inaction were discussed. The City Clerk has been in contact with the City Attorney and the County Environmental Officer.

A security motion detecting light will be installed by the gazebo.

Lori Ryer had contacted David Pierson of Xcel Energy regarding our request for additional street lights and higher bulbs in some of the street lights in town. A letter of request will be sent to him. Marlo Sander made a motion which was seconded by Bruce Gryting to install brighter bulbs in some of the street lights, add a couple of additional street lights and the security motion detecting light. Also, the council agreed to spend up to \$4000 to have trees trimmed in some of the darker areas. This motion was approved by Bruce Gryting and it was seconded by Janet Anderson. Approved.

The budget meeting was set for September 4th at 6:30 p.m..

Discussed participating in a regional safety team, which will be cost shared with area towns. Approved.

The City Council authorized David to hire someone to help him for the remainder of the season.

David had voiced his concerns about the work being done on CSAH 9. He is very concerned that there will not be enough cover over our force main. He is concerned that it may freeze this winter. Marlo Sander will be in contact with the county engineer.

There is a problem with graves being seeded in the cemetery and the grass not taking off.

The City Council asked David to try and get some of the netting the county uses to help cover the seed. Also discussed maybe using the fire trucks to water.

It was also discussed to contact Buckley's to plant some trees where trees have been cut down in town on city boulevards.

Mayor Sander thanked Bruce Gryting for reviewing the new environmental control ordinance in the absence of our city attorney.

The town meeting with the county commissioners was discussed.

The City Council meeting was adjourned at this time.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor