

CITY OF BELVIEW

February 12, 2008

The Belview City Council and the Belview EDA met for their regular meeting of the month on February 12, 2008, at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:00 p.m..

PRESENT: Council Members: Doug Arnold, Linda Sullivan, and Janet Anderson

ABSENT: Bruce Gryting, Marlo Sander, Darcee Pederson, Glenn Huseby

STAFF: David Diekmann, Lori Ryer

Others: Richard Sullivan

The Belview EDA met at 6 p.m.. There was not a quorum of members. Discussion was held on the Down Payment Assistance Fund. The EDA directed Lori Ryer to research other ways the funds could be utilized. Lori Ryer also informed the members that the loan for Village Park Townhomes needs to be refinanced before April of 2008. She is working with MN West Bank on the refinancing. Meeting adjourned.

The City Council meeting was called to order by a motion from Acting Mayor Linda Sullivan. The consent agenda was approved with additions by a motion from Doug Arnold and a second by Janet Anderson.

Investment information was reviewed. It was decided to withdraw \$100,000 from the General Fund checking account, which is interest bearing and purchase a certificate of deposit at a higher interest rate. Rates from MN West Bank and the 4M Fund (approved by MN State statute) were reviewed. The City Clerk was advised to purchase the certificate of deposit from MN West Bank if they were able to meet or beat the interest rate being offered through the 4M Fund. It was also decided to withdraw \$10,000 from the General Fund checking account and place it into a separate fund designated for future capital improvements. This was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and it was seconded by Linda Sullivan. Carried.

The March meeting date will be rescheduled for March 17th at 5:30 p.m. because the City Clerk will be attending the MN Clerk's and Finance

Officer's Conference in Alexandria on the regular scheduled meeting night.

The Redwood County Fair Board requested a \$200 donation for the 2008 Fair. Due to budget restraints the request was denied.

The First Responders were informed that they will need to purchase a new cell phone before June 2008. Due to technical changes, the old phone will no longer work.

Discussion was held on using telephone conference calls in case of an emergency to conduct city council meetings. The City Clerk contacted the League of MN Cities research department and was informed that this type of meeting conforms to the Open Meeting law by following the designated rules. We now have an account set up through SimpleTollFree.com. that can be used in case of an emergency.

Doug Arnold discussed the cost of getting an electronic sign from Dacktronics, to be used to post area events and notices but it was found to be too expensive at this time.

Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Doug Arnold to approve the attendance of 5 Belview First Responders to the North Memorial EMS Conference. While 5 responders will be attending the city only will have to pay for 3 members as 2 of the members are volunteering to work at the conference so their registration is free.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the 2008 roster for the Fire Department and the First Responders. Carried.

Discussion was held on starting a Green Energy Park along the railroad by the Depot museum. It was discussed that businesses or industry locating there would either have to utilize or produce green energy such as bio-diesel. The City Council agreed to do further research and to contact the land owner to see if they would be interested in entering into a "option to buy" agreement with the city.

Discussed the Property Tax Calculator which can be found on the League of MN Cities website. It is a very interesting site and compares our city with other cities in Minnesota.

Janet Anderson made a motion, which was seconded by Doug Arnold to adjourn. Carried.

City Clerk/Treas.

Acting Mayor