

CITY OF BELVIEW

February 10, 2009

The City Council of the City of Belview met for the regular monthly meeting on January 9, 2009, at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:00 p.m..

PRESENT: Mayor Marlo Sander, Council Members: Linda Sullivan, Janet Anderson, and Dianne Donner, and Bruce Gryting

ABSENT: None

STAFF: David Diekmann and Lori Ryer

OTHERS: Brad Zimmer and Mark Erickson

Mayor Sander called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.. The consent agenda was approved by a motion from Linda Sullivan and was seconded by Dianne Donner. Carried.

A motion was made by Janet Anderson and was seconded by Linda Sullivan to appoint Bruce Gryting to the council position that was vacated by Doug Arnold. Approved.

The City Council and staff discussed the proposed cuts to Local Government Aid. Suggested areas to review included tower rent, increasing community and Odeon Hall rent and charging for use of the facilities for area churches who in the past did not have to pay, cutting back on mowing some properties, sharing services and equipment with area communities, wage freeze, increasing water and sewer rates, increasing mowing rates,

A motion was made by Bruce Gryting and was seconded by Janet Anderson to increase water tower rent to \$300 effective as of Jan.1.2009. Approved.

Mark Erickson City Administrator from Winthrop representing MN Rail Coalition gave a presentation on the importance of the railroad to all of the communities located along the rail.

Steve Collins, Redwood City Attorney, was introduced to the City Council. He has agreed to provide legal services for the City of Belview and stated that the City of Redwood would charge an hourly rate for his services with no retainer. A motion was made by Bruce Gryting and seconded by Dianne Donner to enter into a contract with the City of Redwood for his services. Approved.

Brad Zimmer, manager of the American Legion requested that the council consider also approving the American Legion as second site for the Odeon Hall. He noted that if approved he would be using the Odeon Hall on Old SOD Day to hold a dance. The request was approved by a motion from Dianne Donner and was seconded by Janet Anderson. Carried. Whoever rents the Odeon Hall for a function where liquor is to be sold will now contact either Inn Like Flinn or the Belview American Legion. It was agreed that this seemed to be a fair way to handle it as the City Council would not be

placed in the position of having to choose between two main street businesses to provide the liquor at the Odeon Hall. A committee will be put together with a commission from the City Council and representatives of Inn Like Flinn and the Belview American Legion to work out the details of how this arrangement will work. Dianne Donner and Janet Anderson will represent the City Council.

Janet Anderson made a motion, which was seconded by Bruce Gryting to set the bar rent to be paid per function by Inn Like Flinn and the American Legion, when they serve liquor at the Odeon Hall at \$50. Carried.

David Diekmann asked if the steering column that was recently replaced which broke again should be replaced with a used one again or a new one. He noted that it was replaced about 2 months ago. It was decided to purchase a new one this time.

David Diekmann inquired if it would be possible to be paid out for some of his unused vacation because he has built up quite a bit of time. It was decided to pay him out for 80 hours of unused vacation pay, which was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and a second by Linda Sullivan. He was asked to provide the council with a log of his daily hours. The City Council asked him to try and take time off every week if possible to get some of the comp and vacation hours down.

The City Council asked Lori Ryer to check with other city's our size about getting a copy of their personnel policy.

Marlo Sander made a motion, which was seconded by Dianne Donner to only pay the original amount to Weltch Equipment for the blade on the front of the city tractor. It was stated that Weltch's had told them that the blade would work on the tractor as is. The original bill was for \$3589.05. An additional amount of \$714.85 was charged for retrofitting it to work on the tractor.

Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor