

CITY OF BELVIEW

March 9, 2009

The City Council of the City of Belview met for the regular monthly meeting on March 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:

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 Janet Anderson. Carried.

Gambling resolutions for the August Donner Post and Belview Fire Relief were approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and a second by Dianne Donner. Carried.

Spring clean-up has been set for May 16th. It will be run the same as last year. Due to budget cuts the City Council decided that in order to continue with the spring clean-up they would be assessing each residents an annual fee of \$10 to offset the cost of the clean-up. It has been costing approximately \$1500.00 to do the clean-up. The City Council will review how much it is used this year and whether or not there is much opposition to the increased fee to see if they will continue the program next year. The increase was approved by a motion from Linda Sullivan and seconded by Dianne Donner. Carried.

The Redwood County Assessor has set Belview's Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting for April 21st 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Belview Community Center.

A motion was made by Janet Anderson and seconded by Dianne Donner to follow the recommendation of the City's insurance agent to require Inn Like Flinn and the August Donner Post to name the City of Belview as an additional insured on their liquor liability policies at the Odeon Hall. This was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and seconded by Dianne Donner. Carried.

The dog license fee for 2009 has been set at \$10 per dog. This was approved by a motion from Bruce Gryting and was seconded by Linda Sullivan. Carried. It was also decided to put information in the City newsletter about the possibility of licensing cats.

Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donner to approve the request of the fire department and the first responders to purchase six new pagers at an approx. cost of \$500 each.

A Wednesday, March 18th meeting has been planned at 5:00. to review the Odeon Hall contract. A representative from the August Donner Post and Inn Like Flinn along with Dianne Donner and Janet Anderson will work out the details. At a previous council meeting the City Council approved both the August Donner Post and Inn Like Flinn to name the Odeon Hall as a second site to serve liquor at wedding dances and other special events.

Tuesday, March 31st was set for the first Neighborhood Watch meeting to be held at the Belview Community Center. The meeting time was set at 7:00 p.m.

The City Council ratified the appointment of Kristi Guza and Patti Lentz as members of the Belview First Responders Service.

The City Council discussed their review of a few samples of personnel policies for city employees. It was agreed to merge the policy received from the City of Kennedy with the City of Belview's current policy. Lori Ryer was asked to prepare a draft of the proposed policy for the Council to review before the April meeting.

Sick and Vacation reports were reviewed.

David Diekmann shared a work log for last month.

Weltsch Equipment sent out a new bill with a \$200 credit on the portion not previously approved for the new snow blade purchased for the city tractor. Bruce Gryting made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donner to counter offer with a payment of ½ of the amount in question and hope that they will consider this payment in full.

It was noted that Mike Brettin's name had been omitted from the roster for the fire dept for 2009, which had been presented to the Council at the January meeting.

Chief Diekmann reported that there are 5 new firemen going through the required training at a cost of \$225 approx. per firemen.

Lori Ryer gave a brief report on the last Belview EDA meeting. The Belview EDA will be meeting on the first Thursday in January, April, July and October at 7:00 p.m.

A building permit for Mike and Joanne Chambs was approved for a deck off the back of there home.

It was decided to not do dust control in the alley behind the fire hall this year.

Mayor Sander discussed ideas for the future use of the Down Payment Assistance Program that is not being used any longer. There is approx. \$42,000 in the fund. The money can be used for other purposes at the City Council's discretion. The City Council decided to disband the Down Payment Assistance Program. The remaining funds will be

divided between Belview's Economic Development Authority, Belview's Fire and First Responders for pagers and training, and for sewer televising.

Televising the sanitary sewer system was discussed. The City Council decided to start televising at the lift station and work towards town. David was asked to contact the City of Cottonwood to see who they have had televising their lines. The City Council will review the recording of the last televising that was done. It was also decided to check to see if there is any grant/loan money available to assist in the needed repairs to the city's infrastructure.

Mayor Sander reported that he testified at the State Capitol on the benefits an improved railroad could be to the City of Belview.

Bruce Gryting announced his resignation on the City Council effective in May. The City Council will be appointing a replacement for him to fill the vacancy until the next City election.

Bruce Gryting made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to adjourn.
Carried.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor

Plus special meeting on April 6th at 5:00 p.m. minutes.