

## CITY OF BELVIEW

May 13, 2008

The City Council of the City of Belview met for their regular monthly meeting on May 13, 2008, at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** David Diekmann and Lori Ryer

**OTHERS:** Mark Traen, Gregg Applen

Mayor Sander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. The consent agenda was approved by a motion from Doug Arnold and was seconded by Linda Sullivan.

Mayor Sander reported to the rest of the council that he had spoken with Redwood County Highway Engineer. The costs of relocating the city's force main are not going to be as high as first indicated and will be included in the county's project cost. There will be no cost to city. City will need to remove some fencing in the road right of way by the lift station. Construction is scheduled to begin sometime after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Twelve applications for summer help were received and reviewed. David Diekmann requested that the council hire Nathan Johannsen again this summer. Request granted by a motion from Doug Arnold and a second by Bruce Gryting. Carried.

Greg Applen, of Nester and Nester, CPA's presented the 2007 Financial Statements.

Mark Traen, was present to request a building permit for a utility pole building with steel siding to match the garage on his property. Linda Sullivan made a motion and it was seconded by Bruce Gryting to approve the permit.

Discussion on the elevator buildings was held. Children are seen playing in and around the buildings. Will invite the owner of the property. Pictures are to be taken.

Lori will be attending Southwest Emergency Preparedness Teams Tornado Tabletop Exercise at Jackpot Junction.

Doug Arnold made a motion, which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to ratify the new hire of Steve Schwantes as a volunteer first responder. Steve has already completed the necessary training through his employer and has a current CPR and First Responder card. Information on MnWarn was shared with the council. It is a mutual aid agreement between city utilities to offer assistance in the event of a disaster. The City Council agreed to adopt the resolution. The resolution will be presented at the June council meeting.

Lori Ryer was directed to find out who owns the old city dump.

The MN Department of Health water report was reviewed. David informed the council of recommendations that were made.

Lori Ryer updated the council on the HOPE FOR THE CITY project. The desks that were donated are currently on a ship headed for South Africa, where they will be used in a new school in Tanzania.

New NIMS requirements (300 and 400) that are designed for council, emergency managers and fire chief are being recommended. They are not available as an online class so it was suggested to try to get a class started here and invite other towns.

A building permit for a chain link fence from Amber Gandrud was reviewed. Doug Arnold made a motion, which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the permit. A concern was brought to the council regarding people parking on yellow lines in front of school. Mayor Sander will talk to school staff. City maintenance will put up signage and repaint the curb.

Lori Ryer was asked to find out if there is a prepayment penalty for the tractor.

Lori Ryer keeps daily log that shows her activities during the workday. She shared the last month's log with the council members. The council asked that the maintenance department do something similar.

David told the council that he worked up figures for the amount of water available and the wastewater capacity available for future expansion.

David asked the council about getting someone to get the hay off of the wastewater ponds. The council also discussed fixing the fence on the south side of the ponds.

David will not move the warming house until the road construction is finished on County Road #9.

Council asked all departments to get rid of any excess stuff by taking advantage of spring cleanup day.

City will haul away scrap metal this year rather than contract with an outside hauler. With the price of scrap metal it will help offset the cost of clean up day. A special thanks to those that have worked hard to clean up their properties.

The City Council meeting was adjourned by a motion from Bruce Gryting and it was seconded by Doug Arnold.

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City Clerk/Treas.

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Mayor