

CITY OF BELVIEW

November 10, 2009

The City Council of the City of Belview met for the regular monthly meeting on November 10, 2009, at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

ABSENT: Myrle Peterson

STAFF: David Diekmann and Lori Ryer

OTHERS:

Acting Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. The consent agenda was approved by a motion from Dianne Donner and was seconded by Janet Anderson. Carried.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donner to accept the donation of landscaping block from Parkview Home. Approved. The exact number of block was not known at the time of the meeting. The landscaping block was left over from the sign project they had done and was used by the City for the Village Park Townhomes sign.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by a motion from Janet Anderson to approve the summary ordinance for Xcel ordinance. The council had approved the full ordinance at the previous meeting but due to the size and the cost of publication for the full ordinance a summary ordinance was approved for publication. Anyone wishing to view the full ordinance may do so at the city clerk's office.

City Clerk Lori Ryer informed the council that in accordance with a motion made earlier in the year the Down Payment Assistance account was now closed. It was decided to wait until the certificate of deposit came due in November before the account. The funds from the Down Payment Assistance fund were transferred to the General Fund and were designated for specific purposes. This transfer was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and seconded by Dianne Donner.

A transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Wastewater Debt fund was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and was seconded by Dianne Donner.

The council approved Amendment 14, Article IX, Section 5 of the Belview Fire Relief Association bylaws. The amendment had to do with the setting of the interest rate paid on the deferred pension roll and when that interest becomes payable.

Correspondence from the Redwood County Soil and Water was discussed it was in regards to their rain barrel program.

City Clerk Lori Ryer discussed the Safety Group training program informational meeting that she had attended. The City of Belview will continue to participate in this program with other area communities. The cost of the training will be \$600 per year and will include 6 training sessions per year and one on-site OSHA compliant walk through. City Clerk Lori Ryer had been in contact with the architect from the MN Historical Society regarding some changes being suggested for the Odeon Hall. The City Council has been considering updating the restrooms. A couple of local contractors had been contacted for suggestions on how to proceed but it seems to be difficult to do the job

properly without adding on to the building. It is the Council's desire to make the building more handicapped accessible. The MN Historical Society was contacted to ensure that the city did not do anything to jeopardize the buildings National Historic Register designation. The MN Historical Society's architect has agreed to come to Belview and offer her suggestions.

David Diekmann said that he had talked to Kibble about trading in the old mower for a new mower and deck and it would be about \$7000. The other option was trading in the used John Deere on a new John Deere for \$3500. This is using the State bid. The Council requested that this quote be in writing before they approve it to avoid any misunderstandings later on.

He also noted that we are still on the list for the sewer jetting and televising and that the company said that they will be able to get it done before the end of the year.

David said that he had not been able to get the repairs done on Third Street yet but will be getting them done within the next week.

The council approved the request for Bill Marhoun to take the Basic Fire Fighter I and II course in Danube.

Linda Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson to declare the old Cenex property unsafe in accordance with the City's Unsafe Building Ordinance. The City Attorney will directed to contact the owner and give them 90 days to make the necessary improvements.

A couple of residents have their campers parked on the street and the Council is requesting that they be moved for easier snow removal. A property owner that had moved a building into town before getting a building permit is being asked to move the building so that it is at least 5 feet away from the property line as per our building ordinance. The owner is being given two weeks from the receipt of the notice to move the building as required.

The Council directed the City Clerk to contact a home owner regarding violations of the City's environmental ordinance.

The maintenance log for the last three months was requested.

Linda Sullivan gave a Parkview/Parkwood report.

The October Checking and Investment report was reviewed.

The Sick and Vacation report was also reviewed.

Linda Sullivan reported on the Redwood County Cities meeting she had attended.

Janet Anderson made a motion which seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the engagement letter with Uhlenkamp and Assoc.. Carried.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Dianne Donner to adjourn.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor