

# CITY OF BELVIEW

October 14, 2008

The Belview City Council and the Belview EDA met for their regular meeting of the month on October 14, 2008, at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Lori Ryer

**Others:** Richard Sullivan, Brad Zimmer

The Belview Economic Development Authority meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 14, 2008.

Richard Sullivan called the meeting to order. Marlo Sander made a motion, which was seconded by Doug Arnold to approve the consent agenda.

Discussed the minor repairs that need to be done at Village Park Townhomes. Lori Ryer reported that she had hired Ben Guza of Belview to replace the damaged storm door on Apartment #508.

Lori Ryer informed the EDA that she had checked with Clements Lumber and they have more landscaping stones like the ones used by Parkview Home and Parkwood Apartments. It was decided to do a sign surrounded by the same landscaping stones for Village Park Townhomes similar to what Parkview Home has done only going about ½ the size. The EDA will be checking with a couple of sign companies for quotes.

The Belview City Council meeting was called to order following the adjournment of the Belview EDA meeting.

Mayor Sander called the meeting to order. The consent agenda was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and a second by Linda Sullivan.

The City Council reviewed the draft of the new curfew ordinance. The penalty portion was changed to make a first offense only a petty misdemeanor with the second offense requiring a stronger penalty. This was approved by a motion from Linda Sullivan, which was seconded by Doug Arnold, carried. The new ordinance will take affect after it's publication on October 22, 2008.

The Belview City Council upon a motion from Janet Anderson and a second by Bruce Gryting established a Neighborhood Watch program to be started in Belview. It was also decided to purchase the National Sheriff's Assoc. Tool Kit and 12 Neighborhood Watch signs. There will be a Whopper Feed fundraiser to help raise funds and awareness for the program. Volunteers from the community have offered to help at the Whopper Feed.

Mayor Sander shared quotes on replacing the city truck. Mayor Sander also informed the rest of the City Council that he had checked on getting a reversible plow with quick detach for the city tractor. The complete package is approx. \$10,000. No action at this meeting.

Brad Zimmer was present on behalf of the American Legion and asked for approval to have the Odeon Hall named as a second site for the American Legion. He also asked if the City Council would entertain the idea of the American Legion taking turns serving at dances at the Odeon Hall with Inn Like Flinns, possibly on an every other year rotation. He said that he would continue to work with the Belview Fire Relief as is currently being done. When Gary Flinn of Inn Like Flinn purchased the bar, at the request of the City Council he entered into a verbal agreement with them and named the Odeon Hall as a second site so that the Belview Fire Relief could continue to use the dances as a fundraiser. That was a continuation of the arrangement that the Belview Fire Relief/City of Belview had with Belview Liquor. By naming the Odeon Hall as a second site the liquor store was able to provide a full bar for dances and other events including providing the liquor liability insurance. The Firemen serve as bartenders receiving a portion of the proceeds for their Fire Relief Association in lieu of payment for working at the dance. It was noted that at the time this agreement was entered into with Gary Flinn the American Legion only had a club license. The American Legion has since applied and been issued an on sale license. Brad Zimmer offered to discuss this possible new arrangement with Gary Flinn. He will then come back to the next council meeting.

The date was set for the Public Accuracy Test. It will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.. at the community center.

The City Council reviewed the 2008 property tax data table sent out by the League of MN Cities. It was noted that the City of Belview's property tax levy is lower than many of the surrounding communities of similar size.

The City Council will be disbanding their down payment assistance program as it is currently written. This was approved by a motion from Janet Anderson and second by Linda Sullivan. It will be redone as some type of low interest housing and business rehab loan program requiring a match and also a mechanics lien on the property. The maximum loan amount and details of the new program will be determined at a later date. It was decided to check with MN Housing Partnership on how other cities have revamped their down payment assistance.

The City Council reviewed the environmental ordinance violations. Of all of the violation notices sent out most everyone had either completed the work or had given the City Council a date when the work would be done. The City Council agreed to have the City Attorney begin the process of abatement on one property owner whom had a number of violations and who has neither done the required work or contacted the City as to a date when the work will be completed.

The City Council also directed the City Attorney to take appropriate action against Dean Scheer for violation to the City's Sewer Ordinance due to his refusal to hook up to city sewer.

Discussion was held on the work being done to have the elevator buildings demolished. City Council continues to work with the Green Institute, the property owner and other interested parties to reach an amiable outcome.

It was noted that the Minnesota Valley Rail Coalition will be meeting on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Odeon Hall. Member communities, shippers, business owners and other interested parties along the MN Prairie Land will be in attendance.

The next City Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 12th because of the Veterans Day holiday.

Janet Anderson made motion to adjourn which was seconded by Linda Sullivan.

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City Clerk/Treas.

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Mayor