

CITY OF BELVIEW

September 8, 2009

The City Council of the City of Belview met for the regular monthly meeting on September 8, 2009, at the Community Center, Belview, MN at 6:30 p.m..

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: David Diekmann and Lori Ryer

OTHERS: David Pearson, Xcel

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

David Pearson, Xcel Manager, Community & Local Gov't Relations, was present to review the Franchise Ordinance renewal. The current ordinance expires in October. We can continue to put our Christmas decorations, flags and banners on the electric poles we have now. Motion made by Dianne Donner seconded by Myrle Peterson to approve the franchise ordinance for another 20 years. It was also noted that there is a new design person in the Montevideo office.

The elevator burn is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12th. It was rescheduled from August 29th when it had to be postponed because it was too windy.

David said that he will not be able to get the ball field put up before Old SOD Day by himself. It is much more involved than originally thought. He had contacted someone who was willing to put the fence up and would be willing to work with volunteers. It was agreed to at least try and get the back stop up before Old SOD Day but if possible to try and get it all done. He will get prices and contact the council.

David asked for help to get things done before Old SOD Day. He was given permission if he can find someone. A couple of names were suggested for him to check with.

Janet Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to raise the maintenance position salary 4% and bring the city clerk's position into compliance with pay equity.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the proposed budget for 2010 which was a 9% increase over 2009. The amount to be certified to the county auditor for the proposed levy was \$74,916.

The checking and investment report was reviewed.

Mayor Sander informed the rest of the council that David had tried some copper sulfate in some of the sewer lines. It is too early to see if it is working.

The council approved the request from Chad Krinke to close of a portion of Second Avenue between Main Street and the alley for a bean bag tournament on Friday evening of Old SOD Days.

Lori gave a report on the tree planting that is to be done this fall. The council had earlier approved planting 6 trees in town.

A concern about a building that has been moved into town was discussed. No building permit was obtained even after the property owner was notified of the need for a permit.

A permit was applied for after the fact. The council will make a determination before the next meeting.

Lori was asked to check on the legal requirements approving of variances. She was asked to check on a fence that a permit was applied for over a year ago but only partially installed. Also need to check with a land owner about a chunk of tree that the owner wanted after the tree was cut down by the city. Nothing has been done with it yet and it has been over a year.

Dianne Donner made a motion which was seconded by Janet Anderson stating that the City Council will be requiring a clean level site at the elevator by December 1, 2009.

Discussion was held on getting a part time helper for the City Maintenance Department year round. No action taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk/Treas.

Mayor