

Bellechester City Council Meeting Agenda
Board of Equalization – Goodhue County
April 12, 2022 @ 5:00PM

Regular City Council Meeting and Board of Equalization Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 5:00 p.m.

Goodhue County Board of Equalization called to order at 5:00.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Rich Majerus, Kyle Blattner, Jered Buxengard as well as City Engineer Matt Mohs and City Clerk Lisa Redepenning were present. Treasurer Kyle McKeown was absent. Brenda Luhman, Lavonne Augustine, Austin Noble, Mike Smith, Jordan Hillstead from Goodhue County were also present.

Lavone Augustine presented a recap of recent sales in Bellechester and what is used as a formula for the values for properties. State law requires a visit every 5 years by the county to each property. Home sales in Bellechester is also used in valuation. On average Bellechester valuation increased approximately 18%. Brenda Luhman presented her property valuation for discussion. Goodhue County will make an appointment with Brenda directly to come do a walkthrough on her property. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to recommend no change. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to close the Goodhue County Board of Equalization meeting. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 5:38.

Regular City Council meeting opened at 5:38.

Minutes of April, 2022 regular and special meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and a motion by Rich Majerus with a second by Mark Gerken to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Summer Mowing – Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve Jered & Owen Buxengard for mowing services for this year. Motion carried.

New business:

- AIR Dance Permit Motion – Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve the AIR dance permit. Motion carried.
- Brian Ringeisen – Building Permit – Location of build was clarified. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to approve the building permit as submitted. Motion carried.

- Street Maintenance – Cracks are appearing on our streets. County can do crack sealing for us. Manhole covered was identified.
- Rural Development Approvals related to the Letter of Conditions – Matt Mohs presented 2 documents that were carried over from the special meeting. RUS Bulletin 1780-27 & 1780-12 was discussed. Motion was made by Rich Majerus RUS Bulletin 1780-27 with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner. Motion was made by Rich Majerus RUS Bulletin 1780-12 with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard. Motion carried by all council members.

Engineer Report – Meter discussion will need to be done during the design mode of the project.

Clerk Report – City Phone Line – FYI - Fiber was installed at my home and I inquired if we can run the city line thru that also. They said we could, but it would be tied and added to our account, and would not be on the city’s account. He said that copper is going away and he suggested porting the city phone number and have it going to a cell phone. The City will be receive notice from Nuvera now that they are switching completely over from DSL lines to fiber that DLS will be disconnected, therefore, our phone line will be disconnected also. Out of Town – I will be out of town Tuesday evening (4/12) until Monday evening (4/18). Interim Loan Application – I received the application from Rural Water for interim funding that I will fill out. Liquor Licenses – renewals were received and forwarded to Tavern and Legion. Quarterly Fed, Unemployment and Sales Taxes – were paid and filed.

Treasurer Report – none.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – Fence mender is needed for pond fencing. Posts will be put on manhole covers to mark them. Plumbing was looked at the south pump house. We are getting it looked at and a recommendation to fix the pump. Dirt needs to be moved that is stored at the ponds and put into deep gullies of the waterway on the south end of town. Cut and bailing around the pond was discussed. Mower maintenance was performed.

Mayor Concerns: None

Council Concerns: GPS Marking of water shut offs will need to be done.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a second by Rich Majerus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm. Next meeting is April 12th @ 5:30 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepening – City Clerk
