

**Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Equalization Meeting**  
**Goodhue County ~ 5:00 - 5:30**  
**Wabasha County ~ 5:30-6:00**  
**April 13, 2021 @ 5:00 PM**

Regular City Council Meeting and Board of Equalization Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 5:04 p.m.

Goodhue County Board of Equalization called to order at 5:04.

Wabasha County Board of Equalization Meeting called to order at 5:27.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Jered Buxengard, Rich Majerus, Mark Gerken, Kyle Blattner as well as Lisa Redepenning and City Engineer Matt Mohs. Treasurer Kyle McKeown, was absent.

Minutes of March, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Mark Gerken to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Old Business:**

- Portable Generator – update progress. Electricians are here, main box was in, tank will be plumbed and set.
- Sewer Grant – update progress - Matt Mohs indicated some more paperwork needs to be done. There will be another grant opportunity coming this summer that Matt will let us know more information when it come available. Could be upwards of \$600,000 available in this grant. He will be continuing to work on this Small Cities Grant and with Rural Development.
- ADA bathroom for Community Center/Raffle – update progress. Work has started on the bathrooms and continues. \$250 from Bank as a donation as well as ticket sales and individual donation have been coming in. Any additional money will go towards updating current bathrooms.

**New business:**

- Playground Maintenance – inquired if funds were available for pea gravel to control mud at current. Lions indicated they may want to help clean up and may do some light maintenance if needed. Jody will let them know and let us know what they are thinking.
- Dust Control Ag Partners – Ag Partners will be contacted to inquire on what can be done to control the dust issue that is occurring.

- Porta Potty at Ball Field – council’s decision was to not put a porta potty at the ball field this summer. The one outside of the Tavern is available for use.
- Lawn Mowing/Mowing ball field and road ditches/hay baling at waste treatment pond – we will be looking for a mowing/weed whipping position for this summer. If you are interested in doing this for the summer, please contact a council member and we will discuss at next meeting. Since the mowing season has already started, Jered will do this until that time. Dan Poncelet inquired about doing baling for us. We will contact him about doing this for us.
- Citizen Complaint - 1 noisy ATV. The complainant will be spoken to by council.

**Clerk Report – Garbage Bill** – We received \$1620.53 in and paid \$1578.26 out for March. Liquor Licenses – were received and forwarded to Legion and Tavern. Tavern Street Repair Bill – is paid in full.

**Treasurer Report** – List was reviewed.

**Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – Leak will be fixed next week. New pressure pump was put in at the north pump house. Discharge will be occurring soon. Maintenance schedule was discussed and needs to be made up.

**Mayor Concerns:** There was a break in at Ag Partners.

**Council Concerns:** Speed of Ag Partners vehicles was discussed as well as the missing Bellechester sign.

### **Adjourn**

With no citizens present from Goodhue County, Goodhue County portion of Board of Equalization was adjourned at 5:30.

With no citizens present from Wabasha County, Wabasha County portion of Board of Equalization was adjourned at 5:56.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm. Next meeting is May 19 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

- **Yard Cleanup** – Please take the time to clean up anything stored on your property. Please be mindful that other people may not enjoy your lawn storage – please help to make our city tidy.
- **Fee Change for Utility Bills** – Shut off fee was eliminated with a single reconnect fee of \$100, a 10% interest fee after 90 days and returned check fee of \$25.
- **Burn Pile** – Please remember that burn pile is for brush and leaves only. We can get fined for all other items left here. The burn pile is for Bellechester City residents only. If you witness any dumping of unauthorized items or non city resident use, please call us.

- **Recycling** - Please recycle whenever you can. There is a recycling bin located on the north end of town by GB Feed and Supply. By recycling, this will keep our garbage rates from rising.
- **Power Outages** – If you have power outage in your home, please check Xcel’s website for an update on current outages and contact them directly as they provide the power for Bellechester.

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