

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2022 @ 6:00PM

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:00 p.m.

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 Clerk Lisa Redepenning, Engineer Matt Mohs and Treasurer Kyle McKeown were present. Also present was Mychal Johnson with Goodhue County Sherriff's Department.

Minutes of July 20, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

- Sewer Project Update – Matt distributed a map detailing wastewater collection system breakdown of issues identified. Problem spots in town was also discussed. Our project will continue as planned.

New business:

- Engine Braking Resident Complaint – Mychal Johnson provided information on this. We would have to pass an ordinance indicating braking noise reducing. Signs cannot be enforced. We will look into wording and work an ordinance. Also discussed was solar powered stop signs for county road intersection in town.
- Discuss 2023 Levy/Preliminary Budget – discuss/change/approve. Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to set the levy at \$70,000. Motion carried.
- 2023 Special Assessments – Initial discussion.

Engineer Report – Matt reported new lead standards that the State of Minnesota has implemented.

Clerk Report – 1st Half Goodhue County Taxes – received \$26264.95, 1st Half LGA from State – received \$12171.50, 2nd Half of American Rescue Plan – received \$9507.56

Treasurer Report – few overdue accounts.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – spraying of weeds have been done at ponds. Water/sewer rates were discussed and the possibility of raising them.

Mayor Concerns: None

Council Concerns: Council discussed the phone replacement for the city and directed to change. BCCA inquired about garbage forgiveness.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kyle Blatter with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm. Next meeting is September 21 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk
