

# **Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes**

## **December 18, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

Call the meeting to order. Meeting is recorded, and the recordings belong to the City of Bellechester.

Pledge to the flag

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Mark Gerken, Kyle Blattner, Jered Buxengard and Rich Majerus as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepening, Treasurer Kyle McKeown, City Engineer Matt Mohs, as well as Jake Gilsdorf were also present.

Open Public Hearing. – public hearing was opened at 6:00.

Public Hearing – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Pool Ordinance – Mayor Gordon read the Pool Ordinance. With no residents or comments public hearing was closed. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Blattner to close the public hearing.

Close Public Hearing – Public hearing was closed at 6:04.

Open Regular Council Meeting – Regular council meeting was opened at 6:04.

Minutes of the November 20, 2024 minutes were reviewed and motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

### **Old Business:**

- Update – Sewer Lining Project – City Engineer provided an update. Work will continue as weather permits. Some items will be carried over to spring. Manhole work needs to be completed, but remaining work is minimal. Some lateral lining may be carried over to spring, but they hope to finish as much as they can.
  - Pay Application No. 4 – This will complete Visu-Sewer work on our project. \$303,714.29 is the amount \$36,783.64 is being held. Motion was made by Rich with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Blattner to approve the payment of Pay Application #4. Motion carried.
- Update – Water Meter Project – all meters are installed, and project is complete
  - Pay Application No. 2 – \$49,561.50 withholding \$11,939.63. Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Majerus to approve payment of Payment Application #3. Motion carried.
- Update – Water meter billing set-up – Kyle met with Dakota Supply to get meters reading equipment setup. Meeting with Banyon on Thursday to go thru billing, this will be the final stage.
- Junk Ordinance Discussion – What can the county enforce now. Current junk ordinance will be sent to county.

### **New business:**

- Approve Goodhue County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jered Buxengard to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Engineer Report** – see above.

**Clerk Report** – Nuvera Email Charge - Effective January 1, 2025, the charge for email only accounts will become \$12.95/month. I will be working on converting to .gov email, which is free. After all year end items are done, I will work on this. Quarterly Billing – will need to be done. Are we continuing like normal until we are good with charges? If so, the cut off will be the 19th of December and will be mailed. 2nd Half Council Pay – This will be done the week of the 23rd.

**Treasurer Report** – make sure the data transfers over to new meter program.

**Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – none.

**Mayor Concerns:** AG Partners – dust issues were discussed with them. We will looking to a dust ordinance to be reviewed.

**Council Concerns:** No passing sign was questioned. Someone will contact Wabasha County regarding this. Flashing signs will be looked into.

## **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:36. Motion carried.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

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**April City Council Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, April 17th  
immediately following the Goodhue County Board of  
Equalization Meeting that will take place at the Community  
Center @ 4:00.**