

# **Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes**

## **December 9, 2019 @ 6:16PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Majerus at 6:16 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Greg Majerus, Council people Doug Majerus, Rich Majerus, Mark Gerken and Brian Ringeisen as well as Lisa Redepenning and Kyle McKeown as well as Dave Reuter were also present.

Minutes of November, 2019 meeting were approved with motion was made by Brian Ringeisen with a second Rich Majerus by to approve the minutes with noted changes. Motion carried.

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

**Public Hearing – Floodplain Ordinance.** No residents were present to speak.

### **Old Business:**

- Update on Grant – May be able to get grant money from Goodhue County from disaster money that is available now. Rich will follow up with Goodhue County on this, as well as USDA on the original request. With Rural Water we can get up to \$8000 from them. We are still interested in stationary generator for the well.
- Street Repair update. No invoice has been received. We probably won't get it until spring.

### **New business:**

- Floodplain Ordinance #34 – Will be reviewed next month. Mark spoke to a State Farm agent regarding flood insurance. Rich will follow up with FEMA on concerns brought up by council. Tabled until future meeting.

**Clerk Report** – Taras account is paid, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2020 utility bills will be sent later this month and check from Legion for rent was received.

**Treasurer Report** - Disconnect letters will be sent.

**Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – Quarterly samples will be done Tuesday and that will be the last one for the year. It is recommended in spring to open manhole covers to find out where water infiltration is occurring after a rain and in what sections of town. It was also discussed about the plumbing of Cty 16 when it was put in and is it draining to the sewer instead of storm water and ending up in the ponds. Resident that inquired about rusty water was informed that the court owns the water for the court. He was told that it needs to be flushed more often to try to alleviate the problem.

**Mayor Concerns:** Stop sign ahead sign will be up by Wabasha county. Goodhue county will put in a larger sign. Solar powered speed signs will be put up in the spring. 3 poles will be put up and we will follow up on the placement. Rumble strips was brought up in the past and we verified that this is not done in town.

**Council Concerns:** It was brought up about the getting a permit for certain types of projects if the County does come back to approve. Clerk will follow up with County.

**Resident Concerns:** Dave Reuter brought up a concern about rusty water at his residence last Wednesday. Council inquired about water filter usage and if it possibly needs replacing or water heater. Bellechester tends to have rusty water. Landlord will be contacted by resident.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Doug Majerus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm. Next meeting is December 9, 2019.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

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**2020 Census** - Census information is completely separate from the government information and that responses are protected by the constitution and will never be shared. Programs and funding that Bellechester residents can utilize are directly affected by these numbers, but we need to have correct population information when the money and decisions are made. It is important to answer these 10 questions are that will be receive on or about April 1.

**Presidential Nomination Primary** - The 2016 Minnesota legislature passed a law establishing a presidential nomination primary (PNP). Which means we will be **conducting 3 statewide elections in 2020**. That being the presidential primary in March, the State Primary in August and the State General in November. **The date of the first PNP is March 3, 2020.** All mail in ballots need to be returned to the county by the date for each of the primary dates indicated for next year.

**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.

**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.

**Board of Equalization Meeting** - will be April 16th @ 5:00 at the Bellechester Community Center. Our April council meeting will be moved to that date and occur after the BOE meeting.

**Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @ 6:30pm at the Bellechester Community Center.**