

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Majerus at 10:02 a.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Greg Majerus, Council people Doug Majerus, Rich Majerus, Brian Ringeisen, and Mark Gerken as well as Lisa Redepenny. Treasurer Kyle McKeown was absent.

Minutes of November, 2020 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Brian Ringeisen with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

- Locker Plant – update progress. No update.
- Portable Generator – update progress. Trailer has been received and cement pad was poured waiting on generator delivery. Electrician bill and maybe LP work will be only left in expenses on this project.
- Sewer Grant – update progress. We received notice that we are approved for the SEARCH grant. This continues to move forward.
- Old Bar – update. No update.

New business:

- Dan Poncelet – request for posts/fencing on property. Snow distribution was discussed with him to try to elevate any future issues. If fencing is to be pursued again, it will need to be brought up in the future with council.
- Karen Peterson – re-roof building permit. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Doug Majerus to approve the permit as presented. Motion carried.
- Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place for 2021 – approve. Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Brian Ringeisen to approve the annual polling place for 2021. Motion carried.
- ADA bathroom for Community Center – paying for this upgrade was discussed. Could possibly be upwards of \$10,000 - \$15,000. We will need to do this to qualify for any future grant money for water/sewer work from USDA.

Clerk Report – 2nd Half Goodhue County Tax Payment Received - \$21,177.92. Dog License Renewals – reminder letters were sent to current owners. Quarterly Utility Billing – will be sent later this month with new rates included.

Treasurer Report – Past due report was distributed and reviewed.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – Additional Electrical outlet will be needed at north pump house.

Mayor Concerns: Mayor thanked Doug & Brian for their council membership.

Council Concerns: City Engineer Matt Mohs sent information on a grant for possible road upgrades that was discussed. We will meet with him this week.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Doug Majerus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 pm. Next meeting is January @ 10:00 a.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

Due to the closure of the bank, night drop pickups in Bellechester will now occur only on Tuesday and Friday. You can still drop off utility bills at the black mailbox on the deck at the Treasurer's house (Kyle) at 204 Red Wing Avenue.

City council meetings are now held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 at the Bellechester Community Center.

- **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.