

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

December 15 @ 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, Mark Gerken, as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepening, Treasurer Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs. Councilmember Jered Buxengard was present via phone.

Minutes of November, 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 Kyle Blattner to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Sewer Grant – update progress – Nothing has changed, no update, but still progressing. Easement project is progressing.
- Private I & I Ordinance – review sample, make changes, discuss. Matt explained the process and how we can move forward. I & I ordinance as well as a checklist of inspections of each house for compliance is recommended. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to table this issue until are done with our current I & I pipe lining project is complete and evaluate need then. Motion carried.
- Burn Pile – discuss fee structure. No fee structure was decided on. Goodhue County and/or city staff will follow up directly with any unauthorized dumping in brush pile or recycle bins for now.

New business:

- BC Court Water concern. Attorney was informed. No further discussion will be done on this issue.
- Private Burning within city limits – we will send out information on this with the quarterly coupon to inform residents on the laws and regulations on this.
- Communication procedure and policy – All future calls to city staff or council members will directed to the city attorney.
- MN Pollution Control Letter of Warning – discuss actions. 2019 and 2020 spring overage of water in the ponds made one of the limits raise. MN Pollution control is aware of what has been occurring with our I & I issue and that we are addressing it with our lining project.

Engineer Report – See above.

Clerk Report – Special Assessments – 1 account was submitted to county. Old Bar Property Offer – I have not received any information on our counter offer. I did follow up and hope to have

an answer for the meeting for you. Private I & I Ordinance – In the packet is the sample ordinance from the League of MN Cities that we can modify for our use as well as an inspection checklist from Matt. 1st Quarter, 2022 Utility Billing Mailing – will be sent later this month. Signage for Camera in Use Warning – Was ordered and received. Municipal Impact – our yearly rate will increase \$16.50 next year for website hosting. 2nd Half Taxes from Goodhue County - \$21,114.50 was deposited 11/30. Submitted 2020 Special Assessment was also paid. American Rescue Plan - After the deadline passed for local governments to request ARP funds, a portion of the State of Minnesota’s allocation of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds remained un-requested. As allowed by the U.S. Treasury, the State of Minnesota has re-distributed these remaining funds amongst eligible local governments who requested ARP funds. We received an additional \$301.47 in November. Total funds from this is now \$9507.05. Board Of Equalization – County contacted me today about 4/12 @ 5:00 for our meeting. **REMINDER** – Coffee with a Deputy is on Dec 21 from 9am to 11 am @ Community Center.

Treasurer Report – Past due list was distributed.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – discharging water out of pond. Hydrant flushing was done.

Mayor Concerns: None.

Council Concerns: None

Adjourn

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. Next meeting is January 19th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepening – City Clerk

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- **Reminder - No motor vehicle shall be left parked on any street(s) or public way in the City, from Nov. 1 thru April 1 the hours of 2am until 6am.**
 - **Yard Cleanup** – Please take the time to clean up anything stored on your property. Please help to make our city tidy.
 - **April meeting will be changed to Tuesday, April 12th @ 5:30**
 - **Goodhue County Board of Equalization will be held on Tuesday, April 12th @ 5:00. Wabasha County residents will have their Board of Equalization by contacting the County directly.**