

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Jered Buxengard (via phone), Kyle Blattner, Rich Majerus, Mark Gerken as well as Lisa Redepenning and Treasurer Kyle McKeown.

Minutes of January, 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 Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

6:09 – Jered Buxengard had to leave the meeting due to communication issues.

Old Business:

- Locker Plant – update progress. No progress. Any updates will be brought up by interested party and we will add to agenda at that time.
- Portable Generator – update progress. Was delivered last week and is covered with our insurance and we will get it installed.
- Sewer Grant Project – update progress. City Engineering Matt Mohs wants to set a meeting to discuss how to approach this project. Manhole covers that are currently in a field need to be raised and addressed with property owner. They are too shallow. Matt wants further lines cameraed that have never been done or have not been done yet. We can have Rural Water to do this for us at no charge.
- ADA bathroom for Community Center – update progress. No progress to date. Council discussed possible fund raiser to help in the cost of this update. We will look into it.

New business:

- Snow Plowing Procedures. Snow plowing procedures in the City was discussed so new council members will know.
- Lions Club Informational Meeting. Jody was approached on starting this in Bellechester. There will be a meeting at the Tavern February 24th @ 6:30. Two Lions members will be present at this informational meeting to discuss with interested people who would want to join. Lions Clubs donations help out communities.
- League of MN Cities Insurance Renewal. Coverage was discussed and verified.

Clerk Report – Garbage Bill – We received \$1220.01 in and paid \$1363.50 for January. Special Assessment from 2019 – was paid \$500.00. Purchases – I purchased a new mailbox for Kyle (checks were getting wet), envelopes and file folders. 2020 Financials – everything was submitted

to State Auditor for 2020. USDA Project Update – Matt Mohs will be providing me a memo on the status of this project by meeting time.

Treasurer Report – None

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – Compressor was purchased. We assisted in providing water for a recent fire.

Mayor Concerns: None

Council Concerns: None.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. Next meeting is March 17th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

Change of April City Council Meeting

Due to Board of Equalization meeting being held in April, the council will meet on this day also. The April meeting only will be April 15, 2021 @ 5:00.

- **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.