

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2022 @ 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, Jered Buxengard as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepening. Treasurer Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs were absent. Luke, Lacey, and Steve and from SE Choppers were also present.

Minutes of December, 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 Jered Buxengard with a second by Kyle Blattner to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Sewer Grant – update progress. Grant is progressing.
- Old Bar Property – update. The email from Wabasha County was presented. Motion was by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to make to offer \$1500 for the old bar property. Motion carried.

New business:

- Luke – SE Choppers – asking for feedback from council on the August event that they hosted in town. It was a successful event for both city and SE Choppers and they are wanting to expand. Looking at August 20th for 2022 and will come back to council for the permit.
- Committee Appointments for 2022 ~ Acting Mayor: Mark Gerken; Ambulance: Rich Majerus; Bank: First Farmers & Merchants; Attorney: Gorman; Fire Association: Kyle Blattner/Jered Buxengard; Paper: News Record; City Engineer: Matt Mohs ~ Bolton & Menk, Inc. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to make above assignments for 2022 as the same as 2021. Motion carried.
- Set Board of Equalization Date and Change April Meeting – Tuesday, April 12th @ 5:00 Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to set the Board of Equalization meeting on Tuesday, April 12 @ 5:00 and change the April meeting to coincide with this date @ 5:30. Motion carried.
- Resolution #2022.1 - Adopting the Citizen Participation Plan and Calling for a Public Hearing as Part of the Small Cities Development Program Application – review and approve. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to pass Resolution #2022.1 - Adopting the Citizen Participation Plan and Calling for a Public Hearing as Part of the Small Cities Development Program Application. Motion carried.

- 2021 Cash Reporting Final Report – approve. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve and submit the 2021 Cash Reporting Final Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Engineer Report – None.

Clerk Report – Small City Assist & LGA – 2nd Half payment from State was received \$11,990.50 & \$5731.00 for these both. Citizen Participation Plan and Public Hearing called for February is a required part of the Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) process – FYI. Savings Account Balance as of 12-31: \$42,150.07 Edward Jones Investment Account Balance as of 12-31-21: \$107,955.74 Wabasha County Tax Payment Received = \$4867.99 Board of Equalization – Wabasha County is an open book meeting, which means the residents can contact them directly with questions. This was a change with the state with how few residents we have in the Wabasha County border. Goodhue County remains the same and we will have our regular meeting moved to that date for April. Here is the information I received from the assessor’s office:
Open Book meetings are typically held at the county office so the taxpayer can contact (call or in person) anytime ... from when they receive the notice all the way up to the County Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting in June. Taxpayers have more time to contact our office with the open book meetings. They are completely different than the regular Board of Appeal & Equalization meetings as that is a set time and once the meeting is over, taxpayers do not have other options other than Tax Court.

Goodhue County Emergency Management Meeting - February 16th. Is there anyone interested in going, please let me know. Year end/Quarterly Reporting – all quarterly filing and year end filings are done.

Treasurer Report – None

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – None

Mayor Concerns: Questions on snow plowing and timing of Bellechester getting plowed, particularly businesses getting plowed maybe first. It will get addressed. BCCA meeting will be held on February 7th @ 7:00 at the Community Center and they are looking for members and suggestions.

Council Concerns: Mowers will get prepared for the summer.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm. Next meeting is February 16th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – 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.**
 - **April Council meeting will be changed to Tuesday, April 12th @ 5:30**