

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023 @ 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 via phone as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepenning. Treasurer Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs were absent.

Minutes of December, 2022 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

- Sewer Grant – update progress – Still have a few pre-meter inspections to do yet. Discussion on passing a resolution to indicate if home owners that pass on the water meters, that they will be held responsible for future expense of installation. Trailer house connection still needs to be discussed. A few easements are left also.

New business:

- Committee Appointments for 2023 ~ 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 Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to make above assignments for 2023 as the same as 2022. Motion carried.
- Approve Resolution 2023.02 - Prohibition of Excessive Force Policy – Motion was Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve resolution 2023.02 – Prohibition of Excessive Force Policy. Motion carried.
- Approve Resolution 2023.01 - Adopting A Fair Housing Plan of Action – Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to Approve Resolution 2023.01 - Adopting A Fair Housing Plan of Action. Motion carried.
- Set Board of Equalization Date and Change April Meeting – approve – Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to move the April meeting and set the BOE meeting Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:00 and meeting to 5:30.
- 2022 Cash Reporting Final Report – approve – Motion by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve the final report and submit to state. Motion carried.

Engineer Report – GPS needs to be done of water lines. We need to look at a way to do this more cost effective than programs that we have looked at.

Clerk Report - Property Taxes – Wabasha County –\$ 5433.73 was received – FYI. LGA – 2nd half of \$12,171.50 was received. Yearly/Quarterly Reports – are all done.

Zumbrota Ambulance Full Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 22, 7:00. Board of Equalization Meeting – Goodhue County has set the meeting for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:00. April meeting can be moved to that date to combine. Engine braking sign was approved.

Treasurer Report – None

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – None

Mayor Concerns: Inquired about snow plowing thus far.

Council Concerns: GB Feed utility bill needs to be discussed. Snow build up on 2nd street needs to be addressed.

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 Redepening – City Clerk

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- **April Council meeting will be changed to Tuesday, April 27th @ 5:30**
 - **Board of Equalization meeting for Goodhue County will be held Thursday, April 27th @ 5:00**