

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Majerus at 9:58 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 Redepenning. Treasurer Kyle McKeown was absent. Brian Gordon from Tavern and Josh Hansen from GCSO was also present.

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

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

Old Business:

- Update on Grants – review information/discuss USDA was contact, but delays are due to COVID, but will be done in a few weeks for generator. We will be given direction on how to move forward when we are ready.
- Speed Signs – signs will be installed per state law guidelines as to placing.
- Butcher shop – Ron Ziegler @ Community and Economic Development Associates gave us information on any grant or loan help for this project. Will look into price of current city land as possible location.
- Sewer Lines – review/discuss options – estimates on fixing the current line are being received. This line needs to be addressed before winter. Looks to be approximately \$14,000. Reports were received on other lines and they noted other issues that need to be addressed. Will look at getting an engineer to give us some suggestions and recommendations on fixing line problems. Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Brian Ringeisen to give approval to spend up to \$1500 on engineer to give us recommendations on the sewer line fixing.

New business:

- Dance Permit request – Tavern – Brian Gordon requesting a dance permit for July 25th and partial street blocking if needed. Security will be lined up. Motion was made by Brian Ringeisen with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to a grant dance permit for Tavern for this event.
- 2021 Preliminary Budget – review expenditures, make changes/recommendations. BCCA deer hunter's supper will not be happening and discussion on assisting the BCCA with their expenses.
- Carports – like sheds, carports that are over 200 square feet need a permit.

Clerk Report – Street Repair Bill – was received. Utility Billing Mailing – was mailed. Website Transfer/Update – I am working on getting things setup. Hope to be live on new site by 8/1. Premium Return on Insurance - We received \$175 back from the removal of warming house. Wabasha & Goodhue County Tax Payment – We received \$7059.65 in June from Wabasha and \$ 27,863.11 from Goodhue 7/1. Interest on Street Loan Payment – We will be making an interest only payment on 8/1 in the amount of \$2275.00. Gorman Bill – Is for the setup charges for BCA for us. Election Training – I

will be doing more online training in July. CTAS Update was done. MN Solid Waste Tax Audit was done, but there were errors made in 2017 & 2018 so we will be paying amount due.

Treasurer Report - Past due report was discussed.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – Removal of grass at ponds was discussed. Work on mowers is occurring. Discussion on water way was also done.

Mayor Concerns: Jeremy Mancilman is adding on to existing shed and will need a building permit. Motion was made by Brian Ringeisen with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the information that was presented to council. Motion carried.

Goodhue County Sherriff's Office – Josh Hanson distributed reports on last month's activity and answered questions from council.

Council Concerns: Resident inquired about objects in lawns, boats, cars, etc. We will put notice in minutes regarding cleanup. Questions on building next to Community Center and what Wabasha County is going to do with it. We have not gotten an update.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Mark Gerken to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting is August 12th @ 10:00 a.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

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- **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 with information.
 - **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.
 - **NEW COUNCIL DAY AND TIME:** 2ND Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 a.m.

Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 a.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.