

Bellechester City Council Meeting Agenda

November 17 @ 6:00PM

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people, Rich Majerus, Kyle Blattner, Jered Buxengard, Mark Gerken, as well as Lisa Redepenny. Goodhue County Sheriff Marty Kelly as well as Goodhue County Deputy Sheriff Mychal Johnson was also present. Treasurer Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs were absent.

Minutes of October, 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. – update on what Matt Mohs sent this week on easement progress/update on Small City Assist application.
- Burn Pile Fee Structure & Camera update – discussion on what was found. DNR will fine us \$275 for non brush items in our brush only pile. This amount does not include county or court fees. Further review and discussion will occur. Signs are up for both recycle bins and brush piles.

New business:

- Goodhue County Sherriff's Office Law Enforcement Service Agreement for 2021 – discuss and approve. Goodhue County Sherriff Marty Kelly presented the agreement to council and answered questions. He introduced the new Commander of patrol division – Mike Johnson. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the agreement with Goodhue County for law enforcement needs for 2022 for the city. Motion carried.
- Special Assessments – approve and certify to county. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve the assessments as defined. Motion carried.
- Agreement for State Building Code Administration with County – discuss and approve. Motion was by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the State Building Code Administration Agreement with Goodhue County. Motion carried.
- Approval Final Levy for 2022 – review and approve. Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to approve the final levy of \$60,000 for 2022. Motion carried.
- Snow plowing for 2021-2022 Season – discuss and confirm. Kehren will return to provide services to us for snow plowing. Motion by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve Marty Kehren for snow plowing/snow removal services for the city. Motion carried.

- Goodhue/Bellechester Messenger – Discuss possible donation to newspaper. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Rich Majerus for a donation of \$200.00 to go to Goodhue/Bellechester Messenger. Motion carried.

Engineer Report – none.

Clerk Report – Special Assessments – Current list will be distributed at meeting. 1 resident has contacted us to arrange a payment schedule. Old Bar Property Offer - This item was discussed at the most recent Wabasha County Board meeting. The offer of \$500 was rejected by the Board. Snow Plow Billing – I have a letter drafted to go along with the check that we need to receive the billing by 6/1 of each year. Private I & I Ordinance – In the packet is the sample ordinance from the League of MN Cities that we can modify for our use. DNR Fees – The fees quoted from DNR on burning unapproved items in brush pile would be \$275; this does not include court fees and county fees. Census Bureau - I have not received a response to my email about the 7 vacant housing units that they identified as being in city limits. I have followed up on this. Illegal Dumping in Brush Pile – I inquired with Goodhue County to see how we would proceed if the identified individual is unknown to us and this is their response:

Unfortunately, we can't release information to you from license plates. I would recommend calling in and reporting it to Dispatch and have a Deputy do a report. Then the suspect information would be in the report and some of it would be public information. Then you could work with the Deputy regarding that case on the type of action you would like done. I verified if there was a cost to creating reports for this and they indicated there would be no charge for us doing a report since we have a contract with them. They would cover the cost.

Treasurer Report – None.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – Water concerns in town was discussed.

Mayor Concerns: Lions lighted parade on December 11. See website for details.

Council Concerns: Old bar property was discussed. Council discussed offering Wabasha County \$1000 for the old bar property. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to counter offer Wabasha County \$1000 for this property. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm. Next meeting is November 17th @ 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.**
 - **Yard Cleanup** – Please take the time to clean up anything stored on your property. Please help to make our city tidy.