

Bellechester City Council

November 11, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keegan Quinn at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Keegan Quinn, Council people, Kim Gilsdorf, Paul Reding, Jason Nurnberg, and Rich Majerus as well as clerk Lisa Redepinning and Kyle McKeown. Absent Dan Howard. Also present Russell Fricano, Hannah Rybak, Mike Creelman, Chris Hedin, Phillip Haugen & Mike Anderson from Mankato State.

Minutes of October, 2015 meeting were approved as written and a motion was made by Kim Gilsdorf with a second by Paul Reding to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and a motion by Jason Nurnberg with a second by Kim Gilsdorf to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Public Forum – Comprehensive Plan discussion – MSU Students presented the draft plan.

Old Business:

Bellechester Signage – Park signage was discussed, as well as central district signage. Tabled until spring.

Abandoned Home & Ordinance violations – follow up. There has been action on the properties that letters were sent. Future properties will be brought to council.

New business:

Draft Comp Plan – review and discuss

Water/Sewer Rates – Church & Apt, Increase from October Meeting. Church will be reduced to just commercial rate with apartment charge removed. Motion was made by Rich Majerus to credit half of apartment rate from July – with a 2nd from Paul Reding. Motion was made by Kim Gilsdorf with a 2nd by Paul Reding to change the per person to \$1.50/person after 1 for water and \$1.75/person after 1 for sewer charge. Motion carried.

2016 Final Levy – Discuss & Approve – Motion by Paul Reding to approve \$35,000 levy, which is the same amount as the past several years with 2nd by Kim Gilsdorf. Motion carried.

All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update - Keegan gave an update from the meeting he attended in Red Wing. Discussion was made on possible hazards that can affect Bellechester that we can plan for. Keegan will fill out necessary paperwork for this.

Flood Mitigation Needs-Goodhue County - None

Dangerous Dog Breed Ordinance – Discuss – Concern was brought up regarding dangerous dog breeds and if we need to address it further. Information will be brought to next meeting.

Clerk Report - Board of Appeal and Equalization Training needed; Draft Comprehensive Plan ; Dog Licenses – most of them were returned. Will be following up with the few that weren't returned.; League of MN Cities Dues Increase; Ordinance Violation Letters – were given 30 days from date of mailing, which was October 20th; Utility Rate Breakdown – the rates in black are existing rates, the amounts in red is what they were changed to last month; Levy – was initially set to \$35,000 in September; Update utility rate for church.

Treasurer Report – shut off letters will be sent.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – None

Council Concerns: None

Mayor Concerns: None

Closed Council Meeting - Dismissed

Motion was made by Jason Nurnberg with a second by Kim Gilsdorf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

Notices

Due to the recent high expenses for both our water and sewer systems, rate increases were approved for both water and sewer. Below are the new rates effective 1/1/16:

1 person household/empty house - \$72.69	4 person household - \$82.44
2 person household - \$75.94	5 person household - \$85.69
3 person household - \$79.49	6 person household - \$88.94

House Numbering – To increase safety concerns, the city is asking each resident place their house number on their house to allow for safety personnel to find your house more easily in times of emergencies. Any time earned in finding your home, could result in saving life or property. Please make these numbers large enough to be viewable from the street.

Reminder - Street Parking Ordinance #27 is in effect - No Motor vehicle shall be left parked on any street(s) in the city from Nov. 1-April 1 for the hours of 2am until 6am with snow fall of more than 2".

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.