

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Meeting is recorded, and the recordings belong to the City of Bellechester.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Mark Gerken, Kyle Blattner, and Rich Majerus as well as Treasurer Kyle McKeown, City Engineer Matt Mohs, GCSO Deputy Jordan and Nolan Boice from Bolton & Menk. City Clerk Lisa Redepenning was absent.

Minutes of September 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes were reviewed and motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

- Update – Sewer Lining Project – Nolan from Bolten & Menk provided updates. Spot repairs were done. Field work will start. Manhole rehab has been completed and went smoothly.
- Review and Approve Change Order No. 1 – Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the Change Order No 1. Motion carried.
- Update – Water Meter Project – deadline for installs to be complete is December 1st. They are doing about 6 a day. Goodhue County will be doing the permitting for this project. This project is also going smoothly.

New business:

- Ag Partners – Year-round dust control – city will continue to discuss with them and follow up on a 1st of the year plan.
- Approve Cannabis Agreement with Goodhue County – Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to enter into agreement with Goodhue County for Cannabis Registration for the City of Bellechester. Motion carried.
- 2025 Seal Coat & Bituminous Participation with Goodhue County – discuss – Council will decline participation.
- Pool/Spa Ordinance – discuss – changes were made.
- Set Special City Council Meeting to Canvass Election Results. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to set special city council meeting for November 11 at 11:00 am to canvassing election results. Motion carried.
- Agreement To Add New Member to the Zumbrota Area Ambulance Association. Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve adding Mazeppa township to ZAAA. Motion carried.
- Participation in Housing Study with Goodhue County. Council decided to decline participation.

Engineer Report – Lead service line was submitted to State of MN. State indicated it was all good, we need to now send out letters to affected properties. The city does testing continually of our water.

Clerk Report – Canvass Elections – The November elections must be canvassed (council approves results) within 8 days after the election. A short special meeting must be held before November 15th. **Updated Housing Study for Goodhue County** – It appears that the cost for us is zero. I will just need to know if you are interested in this. **Quarterly Filings** – All 3rd Quarter required filings are done with the exception of the building permit report and payment to county. I am waiting for confirmation on the total. This check is not on your list, but when I get confirmation, it will be sent.

Treasurer Report – Assessment letters were sent.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report - Start thinking about water billing and rates and frequency of billing. North Well house has been worked on. Hydrant flushing will occur in the next few weeks. Pond discharge will occur in November.

Mayor Concerns: Junk Ordinance needs to be looked at.

Council Concerns: Need to look for snow plowing for the City for this winter.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07. Motion carried.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk
