

Bellechester City Council

September 9, 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, Paul Reding, Jason Nurnberg, Kim Gilsdorf, and Rich Majerus as well as clerk Lisa Redepinning and treasurer Kyle McKeown and Dan Howard. Also present were Mike Anderson, Phil Haugen and Chris Hedin from MSU were also present.

Minutes of August, 2015 meeting were approved as written and a motion was made by Kim Gilsdorf with a second by Rich Majerus 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 – MSU Students – Introduction and Scope of Work for Comprehensive Plan Project – Discussion was done on the council wants and needs for the plan.

Old Business:

Bellechester Signage - Tabled

Abandoned Homes – Letter to be sent to Pete residence.

Street Repair Quote – It was suggested that if you do 2” now, you would need to come back next year and seal. Blacktop from County 9 to 5 will be next year. There may be some grants that we could do. Rich will contact to get more firm numbers. Sealcoating will not be sufficient for our street.

2016 Budget – Discuss and Approve

New business

Building Permit – Paul Reding, deck. – South side of the house deck addition was presented. Motion was made by Jason Nurnberg with a 2nd by Kim Gilsdorf to approve the building permit as presented Motion carried.

2016 Pre Levy & 2016 General Fund Budget - Set and Approve – Motion was made by Paul Reding with a 2nd by Kim Gilsdorf to keep the levy at \$35,000. Motion carried.

Special Assessments for unpaid accounts – Discuss and Approve Accounts. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Paul Reding to add S. Allen property to assessments payable in 2016.

Water/Sewer Rates – Discuss & Approve – Tabled until next month.

Clerk Report - Met with Mankato students on Tuesday that are working on Comprehensive plan for Bellechester; Quarterly billing will go out the 3rd week of September; Hydrant flushing notice went on TV on September 1st; renewed Property Tax Exemption for the Community Center with Wabasha County.

Treasurer Report – 2 shut off notices will be sent.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – Caren Fence will be here next week. Ash pile is gone. Discharge of pond 3 will occur. Dept of Health – recommendation to drop the fluoride levels. Motion was made by Kim Gilsdorf with a 2nd by Jason Nurnberg to sign the reduction of fluoride as recommended by Department of Health. Motion carried. Dan will draft a letter to try to get the matching grant to cover the water expenses we are occurring.

Council Concerns: None

Mayor Concerns: Upkeep of property concern of junk lawn. Letters will be sent to property owners.

Motion was made by Kim Gilsdorf with a second by Paul Reding to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Redepening – City Clerk

Notices

House Numbering – To increase safety concerns, the city is asking each resident place their street 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.

We will be obtaining materials to replace the current ball field structure. If you know of any service organizations that are looking for a community project or if you'd like to assist, please contact the city at **651-923-4093 or bellechester@sleepyeyetel.net**

Comprehensive Plan Timeline

The timeline for the completion of the Comprehensive plan will be:

- November 11th - input from the public meeting will be used to draft the comp plan will be presented and get input from the Council.
- December 9th - Final comp plan adopted by the council that evening

At any time during this process, residents are welcome to the next 3 monthly meetings and take part in the planning process. All are encouraged to come.