

# **Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes**

## **September 15 @ 6:00 PM**

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 Redepenning treasure Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs. Goodhue County Deputy Jen Hofshulte and Sherriff Marty Kelly from the Goodhue Sheriff Office was also present.

Minutes of August, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

### **Old Business:**

- Sewer Grant – update progress. Survey was distributed and reviewed.
- Approve 2022 Budget & 2022 Preliminary Levy – discuss and approve. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Blattner to approve the 2022 budget and preliminary levy as submitted (\$60,000). Motion carried.

### **New business:**

- Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement – discuss and approve. Matt Mohs discussed the need to create permanent easements of the sewer lines are needed for our sewer project to move forward. It includes finding property pins, create easement sketches of property, and create legal descriptions for each easements. In order to receive a loan for this project, we need these easements done. This will only need to be done 1 time and it will be permanent and complete. This was not done in the past and is not recorded with the County. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Gerken to approve the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement as submitted. Motion carried.
- In-Town Speed Issue & Policing – Questions on placement of squad cars in town. Sherriff Marty Kelly discussed that the current contract that we have with the County is to be here, not just to do speed monitoring. Overall patrolling and visual police presence in the entire city is what is priority. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Blattner to approve a resolution 2021.2 to support the purchase of radio infrastructure and EMS in Goodhue County by the Sherriff's department. Motion carried.
- Goodhue County - 2022 Sealcoat & Bituminous Paving Work – Review/Discuss. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Gerken to not participate in the 2022 Sealcoat work for 2022 as submitted. Motion carried.
- Parking Personal Items on Public Streets – Discuss. Discussion was made on parking several items on street.

- **Recycle Bin/Brush Pile Signage – Review/Discuss.** Discussion was on the pole used to adhere these signs to. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Blattner to purchase the signage as quoted by Goodhue County. Motion carried.

### **Engineering Report – None**

**Clerk Report – Camera System for recycle Bins** – Have been ordered and will be installed this month. Interest Payment on Micro Loan Paid - \$1725.00 in August.

**Treasurer Report** – Utility past due list was distributed and reviewed. Some residents have made payment plans.

**Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – Current plan is to discharge in October.

**Mayor Concerns** – Resident inquired about window replacement and if permit needed.

**Council Concerns** – Gopher issues.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a second by Rich Majerus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. Next meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.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.
  - **Brush 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.
  - **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.
  - **Power Outages** – If you have power outage in your home, please check Xcel’s website for an update on current outages and contact them directly as they provide the power for Bellechester.