

Bellechester City Council

April 14, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keegan Quinn at 5:36 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, Richard Majerus also Clerk Lisa Redepinning, Treasurer Kyle McKeown and Dan Howard.

Minutes of March, 2014 meeting were approved as written - a motion by Kim Gilsdorf and 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and a motion by Rich Majerus and 2nd by Jason Nurnberg to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Public Forum – Mark Gerkin - Building Permit – Mark Gerkin presented plans to move a house onto his property. Motion was made by Jason Nurnberg to approve the plans as long as property lines are verified. A 2nd was made by Rich Majerus. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Snow Plowing for 2014—2015 Season – it was suggested to post for bids. Include timeframes for plowing and blowing snow conditions. Preliminary contract can be drafted at next meeting.

Street Issues – culverts, sand, etc. South and north side of culvert by feed Store needs to be cleared out. East of Feed store by Tavern needs to be looked at and evaluated for report/replacement. Dan has flushing system, but not enough hose. Rock will need to be brought in for the bigger cardboard dumpster pad. Will it be more cost effective to pour a pad versus rock. A load of rock is \$125. Rich talked to Gerald Puppe for rock. Yield sign needs to be put up going to ball field, coming out of grain elevator. Motion was made by Kim Gilsdorf and 2nd by Paul Reding for funds to be set aside for \$1500 all street projects from street fund. Motion carried.

New business:

Fund Financial Review – Paper transfers from general fund need to be done to. Rich Majerus made a motion to transfer to from general to appropriate funds properly and continue on yearly basis. A 2nd was made by Jason Nurnberg. Motion carried.

Kim Gilsdorf motioned that after transfers, starting point will be established. A 2nd was made by Paul Reding. Motion carried.

Review and Approve ACH agreement with First Farmer's Bank for Auto Pay. Since agreement was already approved, no motion needed.

Automatic Deposit for Payroll Motion was made to make it Automatic Deposit an option for payroll checks by Kim Gilsdorf. A 2nd was made by Rich Majerus. Motion carried.

Clerk Report – ACH Payments - worked with bank to get this ready for May direct payments. eCorp agreement with bank to accept automatic payments will cost \$19.95/month with the first 3 months complimentary. Direct deposit could also be done using this same service. There would be a delay of 2 days (instead of getting checks night of meeting, it would be transmitted the next day, and direct deposited in accounts Friday.)

Water bill coupons went out.

Received verification of website address. Work will begin on website.

USDA Bonds were paid off on 3/21 and Microloan was setup with Pine Island bank for automatic payments, like it was with USDA.

Treasurer Report – disconnect letters were sent as well as landlord letters were sent & deposits are made weekly. Option for empty houses to shut off water versus paying the 1 person was discussed.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report - Kelly and Cory are interested in mowing for this season. Melroy Buck will need to be contacted. Discharging secondary pond is being done. Dave Pete water was shut off today due to leak. Mowers will need repairs to get ready for mowing season.

Mayor Concerns: - none

Council Concerns: discussion was done on minutes for publishing. Motion was made by Rich Majerus to put condensed minutes with a full text version to be available by contacting clerk or will be available for viewing on website when completed. A 2nd was made by Kim Gilsdorf. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jason Nurnberg to adjourn the meeting Kim Gilsdorf making a 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

Reminder – All future council minutes will be in published in the Messenger starting in April. The minutes published will become available after the council approves them at the next meeting. As soon as our city website is completed, they will also be available there when approved. At any time, you can contact the city clerk for a hard copy to be mailed to you.

Reminder – homeowners are responsible for the utilities that are due each month for their properties. This includes any properties that you rent out on a monthly/quarterly/yearly basis. If the rental becomes late, you will be billed and responsible for bringing the property utility bill up to date.

Dog Licenses – yearly updating of dog licenses will be included in your 3rd Quarter Utility Bill Coupons. You will have the option to make changes and/or additions to any pets in your household.

**City of Bellechester
Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
April 14, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keegan Quinn at 5:02 p.m. and was turned over to Goodhue and Wabasha county assessors.

Representative from both counties were present and gave an overview of the meeting and procedures.

Ag values went up in Wabasha County. Goodhue county residential property valuations went down a slightly. Trending values are starting to be used by the state as a way to keep up-to-date on values.

With no residents appearing for the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Lisa Redepenning - Clerk