

BELT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 2025

7:00 PM

The second regularly scheduled meeting of February 2025 was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Mayor James Olson; Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling; Aldermen Paul Heikkila, April Wells, Sally Miller, Michelle Stinson, Corbin Keaster, and Becky Gorton.

PUBLIC COMMENT on non-Agenda items: None

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda items: Jeff Dawson and Ben Bock were present to make several proposals with respect to the Little League Program in Belt. These will be presented on the next Agenda:

Request for City paid port a potties for the city baseball fields beginning April 1st

Little League storage of their equipment (including the city owned mound and the Little League owned outfield fence) in the City Pole Barn

Little League proposed installing and using the bleachers acquired from the Belt School

Request for Little League to turn the old tennis courts into a batting cage

Possibility of extending the season into the Fall and making larger improvements to both city fields

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by vote of those present; the claims and warrants were reviewed and approved for release and payment.

NEW BUSINESS: Republic Services was not present to discuss address complaints, contract service and inconsistencies in garbage collection service. Item was tabled until the next meeting.

The Council considered appointment of a new City Attorney and listened to a remote presentation by Andy Newcomer, candidate for the position. Newcomer discussed straight hourly charges versus monthly retainer and presented a standard agreement proposal that features hourly charges at \$180/hour and will be reviewed and considered at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Rolph Johnson presented the ongoing details and progress of compliance with FEMA's National Flood Insurance Plan. Johnson reported that the owners of properties connected to the 11 selected violations were being scheduled for appointments to review their specific flood plain violation. He added that DNRC will be present at those meetings. He closed in saying that Great West has submitted another invoice for flood plain administrative services, and that the \$10,000 allotted for the fiscal year is half expended.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Sally Miller and Michelle Stinson stated that they will not be present at the next meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER INPUT: None

MAYOR'S INPUT: (Josh Sommer was present to discuss the Water ARPA Projects and plan for the next season of work – NOT ON POSTED AGENDA) . Discussed were possible rate increases to fund the next project, policy for water shut off notification by JR Civil during Spring construction, loan forgiveness and possible deviations from the scope of project.

Mayor Olson reported that the Bobcat was due for general maintenance and that Bobcat had quoted \$1500-\$2000 for the service. Public works will obtain quotes from other sources including, but not limited to Jeremiah Hyatt, for presentation at the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT: Deputy Alec Lugo briefly reported his upcoming schedule.

There being no further business to attend to, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.