

CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2017

Present: Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, Hans Schwanke; Resident Jason Sandemann, Brian Powers, David and Pamela Lloyd

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Motion to approve, Wayne Bishop, Samantha Erickson, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

15-Minute Public Open Forum – New residents from 63 Skyline visited - David and Pamela Lloyd. Welcome to Skyline! Resident from 154 S. Skyline got new water meter pad installed and labeled. Found outside water meter he didn't know was being used and made payment for 298 units. He asked Wayne Bishop to contact him after next reading to make sure everything is working properly.

City Clerk's Report – Cathy Dahl reported sending late water/sewer bill letters to 3 Skyline Drive, 134 S. Skyline Drive, 136 S. Skyline Drive, 64 Skyline Drive, 40 Skyline Drive, 101 S. Skyline Drive.
Letters about installing working water meter pads were sent to 2 Skyline Drive, 154 S. Skyline Drive, 47 Skyline Drive.
Open book meeting assessment notice was posted on the City Hall door and in the Mankato Free Press. The dates are April 17-21.
There have been several inquiries about assessments or liens against 237 W. Skyline as it is being sold. Harry Meyering Center is selling the property to Bennett Olmanson.
Finally got Willard Vetter park sign photograph in new frame and hung up on wall.

City Treasurer's Report – Lon Whitehead reported for March, 2017. Lon was asked if pre-payments to assessments should shorten length of loan or reduce payment. To date it's been a bit of both. Lon and council members prefer to go with shortening lengths of term.
4 residents need 2nd notice letter from not paying bills, but Council decided to wait until next month before sending more letters.

Approval of city clerk's report and treasurer's report and to pay bills, motion, Samantha Erickson, Hans Schwanke, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department – Samantha Erickson reported there are 2 needs in water department. Mark Weber will not be available after June. Needs to be certified as class D water operator. Brian Powers will be recertified because we need to have at least one certified person. Classes are offered by the State of MN in various locations. Mayor Javens wondered if we should hire someone from City of Mankato to do this. Mark Winson is new contact in City of Mankato, replacing Mary.

George Wilmes is no longer available so another meter reader is needed. Some training is required.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf reported he will be getting bids on bituminous for parking area in front of city hall and pump house. Manhole covers continue to be a problem.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Wayne Bishop reported broken glass in the playground he had to clean up. Took hours to pick up – it was in 3 separate areas of sand.

He will try to get the mailbox welded soon and talk with Dean Rengstorf about placement.

Delineators and tape are ordered. Mayor Javens will help put them up around park.

He brought info on various gazebos for playground area. Yellow table will fit in a 10' x 10' gazebo. City will purchase and Skyline Coop Association will reimburse. Wayne needs tax exempt info from Clerk. David Lloyd volunteered to use his military discount. Higher than credit City credit card limit so he will get price, then request check from Lon Whitehead.

Asking for volunteers to set gazebo footings will go in the next City newsletter.

Public Safety Department – Hans Schwanke, nothing to report.

Motion to approve departmental reports, Dean Rengstorf, Samantha Erickson, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Private tile lines – Mayor Javens explained it is difficult for the City to take over tile lines. He has discussed with City Attorney, Ken White, and City of Mankato. City Attorney suggested the Coop Association could take this over easier than the City. Brian Powers said Wally Gates suggested petitioning the City Council to pay for cleaning and make sure it stays open as a health concern. Wally also said he wrote a report about this and it should be in the archive. Mayor Javens doesn't know how this could be accomplished. Easements would have to be written up – concerns about what happens if contractor damages line somehow, and who would be responsible. Everyone on titles of all homes needs to sign off on this. Samantha Erickson wonders if new residents are aware of ownership of private tile lines. Brian does not want to wait for another plugged line before acting.

Modern line could be used to replace line and only homes on tile line would be assessed for cost. Yards would be torn up and no shrubbery would be allowed over tile lines in future if this is done.

Brian Powers said the City of Good Thunder is relining old tile a section at a time, not sure if that's possible here. He will call to get estimate for videoing tile lines.

Dean Rengstorf asked what the cost was to clean tile lines last time. \$597 + \$2975. Dean asked if Coop could pay bill and then assess costs to line owners. Brian will contact everyone on tile lines to ask for opinions.

Spring Cleanup – set for Saturday, May 20. List of what can be put out will be included in next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Water tower repair – no decisions tonight, just beginning to think about options. Three-phase plan from Bolton Menk for maintaining current tower. Engineer estimates \$200,000+ or a new water tower approximately \$300,000. Discussion to keep current one up and running or change to new. \$200,000+ cost would allow current tower to last another 50 years. One of City’s bonds is paid off in December 2018, so City payments drop in half at that time. City will have more cash flow at that time. Mayor Javens will talk with City of Mankato for a possible joint venture for an elevated storage tank (new wording for water towers). Council members will consider options for more discussion at next meeting.

MS4 permit application – Storm water management permit was sent in by Emily Javens. They replied with some issues need to be addressed. MS4 general contact – need someone to be listed as this person and they must be a trained-qualified person or contract with an engineering firm or with another city. Emily will put her name on it for now. She will log how much time it takes her and what charges there would be. Once a year Skyline needs an education/outreach program. This could be done by putting information in newsletter. Once a year catch basins need to be checked and ravine outlets. Council appreciates everything Emily has been doing for the City.

City of Mankato will have annual wastewater meeting April 19 at 5:30PM, intergovernmental center.

Solar light on City of Skyline sign has been torn out of ground. Needs to be positioned again.

Motion to adjourn, Samantha Erickson, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Cathy Dahl
Skyline City Clerk

Mayor

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