

CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2016

Present: Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, Hans Schwanke
Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Motion, Wayne Bishop, Dean Rengstorf, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

15-Minute Public Open Forum – no forum.

City Clerk's Report – Cathy Dahl reported only one resident is yet to pay on water bill. Created a resolution to cover that later in meeting.

No one has filed yet for the election for mayor and 2 council member positions but forms are available here tonight. Filing fee of \$2, fill out Affidavit of Candidacy and Financial Report saying you will not spend more than \$750 on your campaign.

Clerk made a copy of the compliance letter from 8 Skyline Drive for Hans Schwanke. Mayor Javens hasn't had a chance to visit 118 S. Skyline Drive. Hans will go there and look at compliance situation.

Clerk told Wayne Bishop that she hasn't seen any more earwigs. Wayne will call exterminator – needs them to look at sand wasps in park also. Wayne will ask about quarterly spraying of city hall.

City Treasurer's Report – Lon Whitehead reported for July. Mayor Javens said there should have been two separate bills for lawn repair – one goes to trucking company for paying damage. Lon received check for assessment on house that sold recently.

There are printed copies of new Skyline audit in office.

Lon said he will talk to bank about how to get electronic payment for city bills because more people are living without checkbooks recently.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department – Samantha Erickson reported 3 fire trucks were up about 2 weeks ago. They were up for training with our hydrants. Water pressure was good. She informed Brian Powers that they had opened the hydrant. A resident called her about noise ordinances. Samantha informed them that 911 takes care of noise complaints, not the city. Clerk will research whether or not there is an ordinance about parks closing at 10PM, and anything about noise.

Wayne Bishop asked about extra high water usage at a residence. Their water bill was sent as is. Resident will be watching to try to find issue. 101 and 103 S. Skyline Drive need to clean their bushes and weeds because water meter readers can't get to pad. Clerk will send letters to inform residents of that.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf reported a citizen wondered if city will paint big STOP letters in front of stop signs and stripes after seal coating. Mayor Javens suggested striping only 200 feet where one-way splits, not the whole length. Dean will look into the cost of painting. Wayne Bishop will check on lawn mowing on East Skyline Drive where they have stopped.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Wayne Bishop reported his wife and grandson cleaned the weeds out of park. All spots have been painted in city hall. Toilets are no longer running and paper towel dispensers have been installed. One resident asked Samantha if city would ever consider replacing sand at park with wood chips. Samantha explained that sand has just been replaced and it can be looked into later but there are probably as many people preferring sand as wood chips. Mayor Javens wondered if pea rock would be an option.

Public Safety Department – Hans Schwanke reported he looked at the gate by water tower. He doesn't think it was hit by a truck; it's just off because of use and he can repair it. He will look at ruts alongside road by truck going off side tonight (from Verizon driving in to do work). Hans asked what the next step is for residents who remain non-compliant. Four have not replied. Clerk needs to write up stern letters (look up in ordinance and send copy) and inform of penalties and give deadlines. Need proof from residents that it is fixed. Any property owner in violation shall be assessed a monthly surcharge decided by council resolution. Page 113C. Clerk will enclose copy of original letter they were sent.

Resolution 2016-5, Establishing fee for non-compliance pursuant to disconnection of storm sewer to sanitary sewer lines in reference to city inspections –
City to assess a monthly surcharge of \$200 per month starting Sept 1, 2016, until City receives letter or invoice showing proof of compliance.
Motion, Wayne Bishop, Dean Rengstorf, 2nd, passed unanimously.

Wayne Bishop suggested a double-check on non-compliant residents in a year to be sure it has stayed corrected. This will be discussed again later.

Motion to approve departmental reports, Samantha Erickson, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

MN Pollution Control Agency – MS4 – Skyline City Code for Storm Water Management –
Emily Javens said special meeting is not needed yet.

New Business

Resolution 2016-4-Send Overdue Utilities To Blue Earth County for Collection-1716 Woodland Avenue (attached)

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Skyline on August 11, 2016.

Approved:

Mayor

Attested:

City Clerk