

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 9, 2019

Call meeting to order

Sam motioned, Mary 2nd

Pledge of Allegiance

Please completed.

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Changes recommended. Motion to accept the minutes and changes by Sam, Mary 2nd

Public Open Forum

Kaitlyn Kaiser with Mankato Public Safety came to discuss how to deal with feral animals. A pest control agency needs to be called for non-domestic animals. If strays are found, call or bring into the city pound. They do not deal with non-domestic animals unless they are sick and a danger to residents. With regards to defecation on yards that are not your own, you must fill out a form and file with the city of Mankato and a citation may be enforced. The number to use for animal complaints is 311. This is an automated menu, but will be assigned the officer in your neighborhood. This number is a non-emergency number. Officer Kaiser supplied cards with the number and information to City Council members. Officer Kaiser offered answers about general questions about driving courtesy.

Darlene states that the City of Skyline was founded as a domicile entity for residential establishment, not for commercial business. Courtesy has always been the common thread. She reminded the council that they were elected by all of the residents of Skyline and that council members should make decisions that are not biased.

Charlie Berg addressed the council, specifically Sam to request that one handheld meter be purchased and budgeted for in 2020. Sam assured Mr. Berg that this expense has been added to this year's budget.

City Clerk Report

New Gmail accounts were created for all City Council members and the Mayor. Each Council member was given a slip of paper with the address and password. Marnie called the League of Minnesota Cities to have their site updated with the new addresses.

City Treasurer Report

Lon states receipts for November shows nothing out of the ordinary. Payables show a slightly higher amount for AmLawn because it is two months. Paige is requesting

that AmLawn be called to request that they do a more thorough job while plowing. Laketown Electric coop was an unexpected expense. Schwickert's furnace repair bill was slightly lower than anticipated. The bill from the City of Mankato(wastewater treatment) had not come at the meeting time, \$2512.02 is the expected amount of that bill. 2019 Payroll was reviewed, Wayne Bishop's salary of \$300 was removed because he no longer provides service to the city. Chris Heimer's salary was switched from \$250 to \$550 because of additional services that he completed. Mary motioned to approve report, Sam 2nd

Water and garbage bill list

Summary report was distributed by Lon. Reminder letters will be mailed by Marnie.

Departmental Reports

Water Department

Sam reports that resident at 134 S. Skyline is leaking. MRI will come and evaluate. They will replace the meter if that is needed. Charlie Berg states that some of the meters need to have the pads replaced. Sam states that some of the residents have meters that do not work, she questioned how the reads are occurring on those meters. Charlie states that those residents are contacted for manual readings. Sam stated that MRI will look at those meters when they come.

Street Department

Eric states that he has questions. Paige states that he should contact Dean about questions regarding the street department. Sam suggested adding a clause to the rental agreement about snow removal obligations. Eric asked who the bush in front of Skyline belongs to. He will look into it and take care of this issue.

Parks and Playground Department

Steve is absent. He stated that he spoke with the dissatisfied renter to assure that she felt comfortable with the arrangement that had been made for refund for Thanksgiving and accommodations for her Christmas rental.

Public Safety Department

Mary asked the council when the newsletter should be completed and mailed. It was decided to prepare and mail the newsletter after Christmas. Mary will discuss how to deal with feral animals properly.

Old Business

-Water Tower

Discussed previously in the meeting. See notes above.

-2020 Budget

Mayor Attarian handed out budget worksheet to all council members to review and discussed. Lon stated that the property taxes shows a 13% increase in 2020, it was decided that there should be no increase. Paige will adjust on the report. Charlie Berg asked what the proposed levy was this fall. It was determined that there was no change to the levy percentage. Paige state that she reported 0% to the county in October. Budget was approved with changes by Mary, Eric 2nd.

New Business

-Snow Removal

Discussed previously. Please see minutes above.

-Rental of City Hall on holidays

Council decided that there will be no changes to the rental agreement policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm Mary motioned, Eric 2nd