

CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2017

Present: Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Dean Rengstorf, Samantha Erickson, Hans Schwanke; Resident, Roger Hermanson

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

15-Minute Public Open Forum – none.

City Clerk's Report – Cathy Dahl reported Denise from the Group Home in Skyline approved paying double for second trash and recycle bins. Lon Whitehead called LJP to arrange it.

1st reminder letters went to residents with overdue water/sewer bills except for two I didn't have addresses for. If these residents are still behind, clerk needs addresses. 2nd reminder letter, sent certified return receipt, went to 1716 Woodland Avenue. His hearing date is in letter is February 13 – unknown at this time if he replied or even accepted the letter.

City newsletters were sent. 3 were returned – residents gone for winter.

Clerk purchased 2 thumb drives for back up of city computer. One is in the top drawer on the right side of my desk and the other will be at my house.

Received open book meeting notices from Blue Earth County. April 17 – 21, 2017. Clerk will post on door and in newspaper.

City Treasurer's Report – Lon Whitehead reported for January, 2017. Nothing unusual last month. City hall and phone and internet rates are ridiculously high and may be checked into. Wayne Bishop mentioned switching to a cell phone if that is more affordable. Skyline may get a raise in funding from the state. Clerk will mail letters to residents with late bills and call Blue Earth County about putting bills on property taxes more than once in a year.

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

Lon Whitehead reported it's time to vote on not waiving statutory tort limits for the year. Motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department – Samantha Erickson reported she has no news on the water tower. Charlie Berg reported 203 Skyline has an error when trying to read pad. Minimum is billed and always paid. 61 Skyline Drive has consistent high readings but no reason for this is found – possibly bad meter. Mayor Javens said the resident must make a complaint before any more will be done on this. 31 Skyline Drive had a bad reading for 2nd month in a row. Pad will be checked. 107 meter also needs checking. 3 homes still do not have meter pads because of construction. Clerk will mail letters from Samantha about city requiring this.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf doesn't have anything to report because weather has been so good.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Wayne Bishop reported mailbox base showed up with snow melting. It can be welded back on mailbox. He will put it back up in original spot until spring when it can be moved to other side. He researched park shelters. Found one but thinks it's cost prohibitive so he'll keep looking. He asked for recommendations for contractors. It will be on one end of the park for parents to watch children in the shade. Hans Schwanke has sources to look into. He will get some info for Wayne.

Public Safety Department – Hans Schwanke reported he contacted Dan Neece with T Mobile about the remotes to put on tower. Dan will call him back. Siren lock is taken care of.

Motion to approve departmental reports, Dean Rengstorf, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Storm outlet between 134 and 136 S. Skyline Drive – Contract with SEH Engineering (services pertaining to the Duehring drainage issue) – Chris Cavett from SEH reviewed information and came up with cost estimate to determine if this is related to Skyline or not. Resident at bottom of hill continues to ask if City is working on resolving this. Mayor Javens feels we need to find out if City is causing a problem or not, and address if we are. Resident claims his father sued Skyline years ago over the same issue but Council doesn't know if this is true or what the outcome was if it did happen. Some council members wondered if resident should have the study done and pay for it and then sue if the findings show it's our fault. The resident should have to prove City is at fault before action is taken. Dean Rengstorf said Council appreciates all that Emily Javens has done on this situation and all agreed. Mayor will contact Ken White to draft a letter on City's behalf to resident explaining resident needs to bring facts to City. Dean said Chuck Wingert is an expert in this field that may be able to help. City will hold on SEH contract for now.

Motion to adjourn, Wayne Bishop, Hans Schwanke, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Cathy Dahl
Skyline City Clerk

Mayor

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City Clerk

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