

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

Board Members Present: Paige Attarian, Steve Romnes, Sam Erickson, Mary Dowd, Lon Whitehead, Marnie Kortuem, Dean Rengstorf

Community Members Present: Brian Powers, Shirley Piepho, Chris Heimer,
Wayne Bishop, Mark Piepho

Meeting called to order at 6:49 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance completed

Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Approved by Sam 2nd by Steve, passed unanimously

Public Open Forum: Rental property discussion. Agreed that no rental property in Skyline.

City Clerk Report – Nothing to report. Marnie Kortuem is the new city clerk.

City Treasurer Report – Lon states that Scott Michaletz (City of Skyline Insurance Agent)

would like to meet to review the City's policies. Lon would like to defer until May due to extreme schedule at this time. Lon also read the statutory tort limits disclosure. He states that the statutory tort limits must be voted on annually. Lon encouraged to not wave the limit. Sam motioned to NOT wave, 2nd by Dean.

Payables for the month: \$38,566.62

Receipts for the month: \$13,968.06

Approve paying bills. Sam motioned, 2nd by Mary

Newville Cleaning took over cleaning the hall in February. Cost is approximately \$30/cleaning (1 ½ hours)

Water and garbage bill list – Nothing reported

Departmental Reports

Water Department – Keeping the water from freezing has been a challenge with the extreme temperatures. Low water usage causes issues with freezing up. Brian has been working hard on preventing this from happening by cycling the water manually and running water to the west bank of Skyline to keep water from freezing. The resident's near the runoff are aware of what is happening and the City of Skyline is prepared to pay for any damages done to their property. Previously water was run to highway to the east but created large problems with icing for county road workers and individuals using those roads. Brian was notified by the county of this issue. Javens Electric created a proposal to install wireless equipment for water tower control. The proposal amount was \$5348.00. This solution would assist as a solution for these issues.

Meter Reading Equipment – Charlie is ordering one meter to install at his home to try out the proposed meters.

Street Department – Dean trimmed the spruce tree at the top of the hill that was interfering. Pfeffer is to come and clean up the brush, they have not come yet. Dean will follow up with them. Abundance of snow with no where to put it may increase removal cost. Dean will contact a company to blow and remove snow if necessary. Most feel that nature will take it's course and to save the money. Some discussion of AM Lawn not removing snow and ice near city hall. Dean will follow up with them.

Parks and Playgrounds Department – Steve had to excuse himself early for prior commitment. It was discussed that someone with need to meet with Wally with the Coop to discuss youth program in the park.

Public Safety Department -- Mary attended the League of Minnesota Cities event and brought samples of meeting materials to share with the board.

Old Business

Water Tower – No Updates.

Marnie Kortuem accepted the position of City Clerk in late January.

New Business

Rental Policy – Paige supplied a draft of policy. Council would like to table and review at next month's meeting. Mary has agreed to review, revise and submit her ideas at the March meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Sam motioned, 2nd by Dean, passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.