

CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2018

Present: Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead, Clerk, Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Samantha Erickson, Mary Dowd, Wayne Bishop; Residents, Al Honermann, Chris Heimer, Tami Pickell, Darell and Terri Evers.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Motion to approve as corrected, Samantha Erickson, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.
Regular meeting closed.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-01, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SKYLINE LAND USE (ZONING) SEC. 10.20 SUBD. 5**

Emily Javens explained storm water ordinance. Education must be provided to residents, inspections must be done when excavations exceed one acre of land. This will rarely affect Skyline – perhaps two residences. It has nothing to do with curb and gutter and no specific water testing required. Need inspection of 20% of outlets per year. Dean Rengstorf suggested putting it on a schedule. Emily suggested it be documented. Samantha wondered who should be responsible for cleaning culverts and ravines – council or residents. Mayor Javens said it would be the City’s responsibility.

Education can be through city newsletter, which Mary Dowd offered to take care of.

Thank you to Emily Javens for her work on this.

Public hearing closed.

Council meeting reopened at 6:59PM

15-Minute Public Open Forum – Chris Heimer had notes from Skyline Coop Association meeting in December. He asked Wayne Bishop about round picnic table in park. Should it be painted or replaced? Wayne said it needs new gelcoat and there are some bolts or welds that are loose. Wayne will look into this for Chris. Mayor Javens thinks sanding and spray paint should take care of it. The wood picnic table can be painted with left-over paint from repainting of pump house.

Chris asked if coop donated money to repair Moran park sign. Mayor Javens said money had been donated for parks in general. It was used for gazebo. City may contribute to new sign, making it one to match other park.

Al Honermann mentioned spraying other park signs with sealant and it’s worked well. He still has some left, if more signs need it. Prevents mold growth.

City Clerk's Report – Cathy Dahl reported calling Kelly Coy, general manager of Home Magazine, and asked her to call Mayor Javens about tossing papers around issue. Mayor did not receive a call.

Clerk will need some office supplies such as paper soon. Clerk will grab some when looking for a new printer. A friend suggested bringing the computer along when shopping to be sure the computer can handle a new printer.

City Hall needs 3 2018 calendars. Al Honermann will provide.

Clerk asked about a space heater for city hall. No, it is a safety hazard. Wayne Bishop was told by Schwickert that furnace is undersized. Knob on entryway heater is hard to turn.

Wayne will get a thermometer to verify if the thermostat is accurate.

Clerk received the PERA exemption form for the year and will need the information from treasurer to complete.

City Treasurer's Report – Lon Whitehead reported for December, 2017. Property tax amount was low. Interest income is up considerably with the change to Community Bank from Wells Fargo. Snowplowing bill not in yet. New grinder pump expense of \$4198.67.

One person on list of overdue utilities has signed up for auto pay. Clerk will send letters.

Lon is still waiting for one W-4 form. It was decided to move on and pay whenever form is turned in.

Approval of city clerk's report and treasurer's report and to pay bills as presented, motion, Wayne Bishop, Dean Rengstorf, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department – Samantha Erickson reported she hasn't heard anything new. Mark Weber has moved and not sure if there was any communication with Heath Pickell to take over. Samantha will check on this. All pipes made it through the recent cold spell.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf reported a resident mail box was hit by someone. Manhole covers remain a problem for snowplows. It will have to be addressed in spring. Mary Dowd reported 16 Skyline had a mailbox problem – not sure if it was vandalized or storm damage. City Hall mailbox was knocked over by someone with first snowfall – no one confessed to it.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Wayne Bishop reported about city hall mail box knocked over.

Public Safety Department – Mary Dowd reported Mankato police are patrolling regularly and not a lot of activity. 2 Fire calls – not known what happened. She believes Skyline should be more pro-active about safe driving.

She asked about a date for spring cleaning – has not been set yet. Lon Whitehead needs a few options for dates to get it set up. May 19, June 2.

She asked about a Frontline contract renewal (siren). Clerk will look into date for Mary.

A resident asked Mary if City has any plans about what to do with empty fire garage. No serious plans have been discussed. It would have to be cleaned and drain repaired. No bathroom in garage means it could not be rented out separately from the rest of city hall at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Water tower repair – Mayor Javens had discussion with Mankato engineer. They are moving forward with an elevated storage tank. They may approach Skyline in near future about this. 1956-57 is approximate time when Skyline water tower was built

Private Tile Lines – Council needs to decide whether or not they will be cleaned out this spring before thaw. A resident asked if there has been any further decision made. Samantha asked about financial responsibility of city or tile line residents. City owns 27-house tile line, but not necessarily responsible to pay for cleaning. Mayor Javens wants to talk with other mayors in area to see how they handle this – pay from general funds or bill residents. 8-home tile-line is not owned by City to anyone’s knowledge. Al Honermann mentioned map showing the tile line by his house. It has always run with no problem since willow trees were removed. Tami said a weeping willow tree is the problem on the 27-house line. Tami would like to see City cover expenses and not only homeowners on lines. Samantha would like to delegate some of the research so Mayor Javens doesn’t have to do it all. Clerk will talk to Grace Rawson about status of 8-house line. Wayne Bishop said if the tile line by Al Honermann’s doesn’t need work as often, it could be scheduled for fewer cleanings.

MS4 ordinance – Mayor read revised provisions. Motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SKYLINE LAND USE (ZONING) SEC. 10.20 SUBD. 5**, Wayne Bishop, Dean Rengstorf, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Weed control – Mary Dowd said being more pro-active on this was brought up at coop meeting. Wayne Bishop will talk to AmLawn about this. Corn-gluten meal prevents weed seeds from germinating and is non-toxic. Wayne said we don’t want to put chemicals there, which makes it a challenge. Darlene Lee has been volunteering to organize weed pulling.

Lon Whitehead asked about coop bylaws to put on website. Wally Gates is supposed to scan and send directly to Lon. Discussion of residents not keeping up their yards according to bylaws. Skyline Coop Association can only send letters about infringement and put liens on property, nothing further to enforce. The City may have to consider taking this on.

Motion to adjourn, Dean Rengstorf, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Cathy Dahl
Skyline City Clerk

Mayor

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