

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

ATTENDEES: Mayor Paige Attarian, Marnie Kortuem, Mary Dowd, Lon Whitehead, Steve Romnes, Eric Manske

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg

Call meeting to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Mayor Paige Attarian

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge recited by those in attendance

ISG-Bryan Petzel: He is asking for approval for a request for geotechnical testing and evaluation. He got the proposal back. He feels that ADT is the way to go, even with the third boring they are cheaper than Braun. He states that they are both good, but the ADT price is more affordable. He encouraged the council to move forward with the ADT bid. ISG is requesting preliminary findings will be done by August 14th, 2020. They are expecting a draft from the PPL by late August. The revolving fund information should be available by the end of September 2020. This will determine if funds would be made available for the water tower project. Steve

Romnes asked what options there are if the revolving fund does not go through.

Bryan states that there are other bonding options for financing. Mayor Attarian ask about the possibility of having the tower built in the summer of 2021. Bryan felt that was a possibility. Steve Romnes inquired about the possibility of the project coming in under the bid. Paige requested a motion to select ADT bid for core sampling, Mary Dowd moved to approve this motion, Steve Romnes, seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Paige signed the proposal to move forward with ADT. Bryan took the documents with him.

Public Forum

Nothing from the public

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Eric motioned to approve agenda and minutes, Steve 2nd the motion

City Clerk Report

Clerk report is attached to minutes and filed in the clerk's office.

City Treasurer Report

Lon provided Paige with the audit information for tax year 2019. Lon also provided the council with the treasurer's report. The report is complete, with the exception of the I & S group payment is \$7500, not \$4900 and the second Xcel bill came for a total of \$954.51.

Water and garbage bill list

Lon passed out the Aging Summary for water bills. Marnie will send out bills to residents that have balances over 90 days, Marnie will create a 2nd, more firm letter to those with balances. Lon will talk to LJP and will show a 10 day delay on auto billing. Eric motioned to approve the treasurer report and to pay bills, Steve 2nd.

Departmental Reports

Water Department

Sam provided an estimate from Lorentz and Sons for work that needs to be done on various addresses within Skyline to get them functioning properly. Sam clarified information on the estimate and the council discussed the information. Paige asked if these are projects must be done at this time. Sam states that it is more cost effective to complete everything at once. Steve states that these projects are overdue and should probably be completed sooner than later. The total cost will be approximately \$20,843.00. Eric asked if everything needs to be done at once. Sam reiterated that it would be beneficial to complete as soon as possible and complete all of the work at one time. Council voted and the project was unanimously agreed upon. Sam will contact Lorentz and Sons to schedule the work to be done. Eric attempted to fix the pads on two houses, Charlie states that it did not make a difference. Therefore it becomes the responsibility of the resident at that address.

Sam states that the sensor in the pump house is bad, and the warning light was burnt out. The bulb has been replaced. That is why the water was off the end of June. The issue was temporarily fixed, but essentially Skyline needs a new water tower. Sam states that if the light is on the pump house, call Sam Erickson right away.

Street Department

Eric states that he does not have anything to report. He reviewed the work that was completed by Nielsen and feels that it was satisfactory. Charlie Berg asked when the City is due for complete street repair. The last time they were done was 2005.

Parks and Playground Department

Steve purchased a thatcher for his four wheeler and will attempt to get the weeds out of the city park. Sprinkler system is working well.

Public Safety Department

There was a report about people shooting off fireworks. Paul and Rebecca Carpenter requested increased patrols due to the fact that their home is unoccupied. Increased patrols have been conducted. Three people inquired about “gunshots or dynamite” occurring recently. Mary contacted Officer Katelyn and the sheriffs office and they assured her that was not occurring. Mary remarked what a great job the Mankato Fire Department did a wonderful job handling the Carpenter fire. Steve mentioned

that the council should send ice cream to the department as a thank you gesture.

Eric mentioned that the Skyline Facebook page is up and running and that it is a great way to communicate things going on within Skyline. The excessive parking in the cul de sac was discussed, a few options were discussed, nothing was determined at this time.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Motion to adjourn by Sam, 2nd by Mary. Passed unanimously.