

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021/ 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

ATTENDEES: Paige Attarian (Mayor), Steve Romnes, Shirley Piepho, Lon Whitehead, Marnie Kortuem

Guests: Mark Piepho

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg

Agenda:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Attarian

- Pledge of Allegiance completed by all in attendance
 - Public Forum
 - No comments for the public forum
- Agenda and Minutes approved. Shirley motion to approve, Steve 2nd. Passed unanimously.
- City Clerk Report
 - Request to replace City Hall flag. Shirley Piepho stated that the Wallin family will supply a new flag.
- City Treasurer Report
 - Lon reviewed expenses and revenue. Receipts for the month of June 2021 were \$8850.95. Expenses for the month of June 2021 were \$15401.46. Reports available upon request. Motion to accept minutes by Shirley, 2nd by Steve. Passed unanimously.
- Water and garbage bill list
 - Aging summary for overdue water bills discussed. Letters will be sent by Marnie Kortuem to those that are overdue 90 days or more. The council discussed sending a certified letter to overdue residents that they will have 60 days from receipt of the certified letter before their water would be shut off and they would be responsible for the cost of hooking the water up again. Councilwoman Shirley Piepho volunteered to deliver the shut off notices and learn how to shut off water if necessary. Councilman Steve Romnes stated that the current method of sending overdue reminders, then submitting the balance on the resident's property taxes has been effective for many years and feels the current system of reminders should continue. He feels this method is firm but more understanding of the resident's circumstances.

Departmental Reports

- Water Department
 - Charlie Berg asked what progress has been made with replacing meters. Paige explained that she had not received an update from Jason Hamond. She will follow up with Jason to see if the two meters are replaced in an efficient manner.

❑ Street Department

Eric Manske was absent. Eric reported to Paige that he continues to work on gathering quotes for road repairs throughout the City of Skyline. He has not received a call back at this time.

❑ Parks and Playground Department

Steve states that he will continue weeding in the park play area. Sprinklers continue to run regardless of rain. He will check with Brian Powers to see if Skyline needs to follow the City of Mankato guideline of running sprinklers every other day or if it is more prudent to run the water more often.

❑ Public Safety

Shirley Piepho reviewed the speed device report with Officer Kaiser. Officer Kaiser states that based on the gathered information she does not see cause for concern. Shirley also states that the children playing sign will be removed and replaced with a sign stating a 15 mph speed limit around the park where children are playing. Shirley commented that there have been continued concerns about dogs barking throughout the day while kennelled. She will speak with the owners to attempt to resolve the issues.

Motion to accept departmental reports by Steve, 2nd by Shirley. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Vote to sign documents to approve soil borings for the water tower sites discussed by council members. The council determined to proceed with signing documents in order to continue moving forward with the water tower project. Councilman Steve Romnes asked why it was necessary to pay an additional \$5000 to have Moran Park soil boring done when it was determined by the public vote and council that the current location was first choice and that the second choice, Moran Park would be considered as the alternative if the current site was not deemed viable. Mayor Attarian stated that two borings were necessary for comparison. Council agreed unanimously to have the documents to proceed with the borings signed and submitted. City Clerk Marnie Kortuem submitted the signed documents to Bryan Petzel at ISG engineering firm the following day.

New pump house approved. Steve motioned to accept, Shirley 2nd, passed unanimously. Paige will sign and documents will be submitted to the engineering firm (ISG).

Don Wayletts fence was discussed and the project was approved by council unanimously.

Ehmkes boat is parked on the access road to the water tower and is blocking access to land. It was determined that the road is a city road and therefore the boat cannot be parked there. Steve states that he will speak with Je Ehmke regarding boat parking.

Shirley Piepho suggests that a meeting be scheduled with the City of Skyline residents and the Skyline Cooperative. She feels that a meeting would clarify the functions of the cooperative with residents. Marnie will invite Kristy Powers to come to the meeting next month and send an email to invite residents.

Motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:53 p.m. made by Steve Romnes, 2nd by Shirley Piepho. Passed unanimously.