

CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2016

Present: Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Samantha Erickson; resident, Nadine Sugden

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Lon Whitehead followed up on US Bank phone calls. It was for a bond payment due June 1st. It took him a long time to track them down to get the bill and pay it; taken care of now. Motion to approve minutes and agenda, Samantha Erickson, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

15-Minute Public Open Forum –

Nadine Sugden spoke about a concern over her neighbor's house, a group home. She is concerned about their new antennae because it impacts her enjoyment of the view on her deck. When she asked them about it, they would not answer the door. Ken White told her he didn't know of any restrictions other than height. She is wondering if Skyline has any other ordinances, etc. to restrict such a thing. She asked if they got a variance to have a group home there. Mayor said according to state law, cities cannot restrict group homes under any circumstances. She complimented Kristy Powers on the job she does on our phone book with regulations listed in it. Nadine feels the TV antenna qualifies as an ugly structure.

Mayor Javens said the Skyline Coop Association can be more restrictive than the city is. The Coop may be able to rule on TV antennas.

Samantha Erickson explained that the city's hands are tied if they are within their rights to do it.

Mayor Javens said that if the city were to exclude TV antennas they would basically be saying the only TV allowed is cable, which he doesn't feel is legal.

Nadine said there is nowhere else to move it. She reached 2 staff women who agreed with her that it is an eyesore.

Mayor Javens will talk to Ken White about it.

City Clerk's Report – Cathy Dahl reported that overdue warning letters were sent out to residents per last meeting. Looks like everyone signed return receipts. Lon Whitehead said 2 out of 5 have paid out. Clerk will send another letter to other 3.

Batteries were reordered for the water department although it took a few shipments due to being out of stock. All should have been sent by now.

Skyline hosted the Blue Earth County Mayors/Clerks meeting last Thursday and it was well received. Clerk posted a few photos on the Skyline Facebook page.

Letter was received from MN State Demographer. Estimated population is 288, household estimate is 113. Clerk remembers it being too difficult last time to correct them. Council agreed to leave as is.

City Treasurer's Report – Lon Whitehead reported for May. The extra cost for spring cleanup was just under \$1500. Cleanup will be done annually from now on. Samantha Erickson questioned the cost of city internet. She will call and check on a lower rate. No word yet from auditors – audit is due from end of the month. He has gotten phone calls about utility bills being off. It will be corrected by next billing cycle. Mayor Javens asked for a YTD budget summary next month. Transfer to street department may be needed.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department – Samantha Erickson reported two houses that had huge increases in water billing previously have gone back down. Charlie Berg asked if residents can be required to fix meter pads. Wayne Bishop suggested note for next newsletter – running toilets can cost you a lot of money.

Clerk showed a receipt of resident fixing sump pump problem. No one other than clerk knows who resident is that claims they don't need repair. Clerk will contact complete plumbing to find who it was.

Wayne Bishop asked about checking manholes in Skyline. Being they are 10 years old, should this be done? Mayor Javens said it costs a lot of money to do this. He will look into long-range planning.

Jim Archer asked Samantha if anyone in Skyline ever wanted to be there when he inspects pumps. They can if they want to.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf absent. Seal coating was done.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Wayne Bishop reported new paper towel dispensers in city hall bathrooms have been purchased and will be installed soon.

Trash is now stored in garage. People renting hall can't get into garage but he will instruct them.

Garage door opener is now in a kitchen drawer.

He will call again about JR for landscaping that needs to be done.

Wayne made spray to kill weeds and grass in the sand at playground and it's working well.

Wayne said we still have some markers to replace going around park. More will have to be purchased and he needs to add reflective tape. Mayor Javens will assist Wayne with installing them.

Public Safety Department – Hans Schwanke absent.

Motion to approve departmental reports, Samantha Erickson, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

MN Pollution Control Agency – MS4 – Skyline City Code for Storm Water Management – Emily Javens has been working on it. Issue is that her board meetings fall on same night as our city council meeting. Maybe at the end of July City will schedule special meeting for Emily to discuss. Clerk will send Mayor dates for election filing and both will go in newsletter.

Fire truck and equipment – auction ended. Mayor thanked Wayne Bishop for all of his help with this. Approximately \$18,000 made before costs. Possibly \$12,000 after.

New Business

No new business.

Motion to adjourn, Wayne Bishop, Samantha Erickson, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Cathy Dahl
Skyline City Clerk

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Mayor

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City Clerk