

CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2017

Present: Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Hans Schwanke; Resident, Roger Hermanson

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Motion to approve, Wayne Bishop, Hans Schwanke, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

15-Minute Public Open Forum – Roger Hermanson mentioned downed trees in ravine. The City will let nature be nature unless it is a safety hazard.

City Clerk's Report – Cathy Dahl reported she was unable to get letters out for residents past due on water/sewer bills.

We received information from the Census 2020 which will be starting in 2018. They estimate our current population at 282 and households at 112. We need to tell them about our new house and we can submit a challenge to these numbers in writing.

Southern MN Initiative Foundation sent information on how to donate if we're interested.

The League of MN Cities sent a letter notifying us that they voted to NOT increase dues this year.

Clerk wrote a letter to the Home Magazine about them asking residents who wants to get the magazine and who doesn't, and that they should have holders for everyone who wants one to eliminate them being thrown around.

City Treasurer's Report – Lon Whitehead reported for May, 2017. One right-of-way permit was issued. City audit is complete but Lon found a small error which they will correct and he will send to council members after corrected. City of Mankato will start sending monthly bills for sanitary treatment services. He has not gotten a bill for city-wide clean up yet, but land fill fee was charged.

Lon will look into credit for 154 S. Skyline Drive on outside meter.

Lon shared info on MN Cities Assoc. Council is not interested at this time.

Clerk will send letters to residents owing on water/sewer bills.

Lon spoke with Wells Fargo about our credit limit to enable Wayne Bishop to buy gazebo for park. He got a form to do that, but two people need to personally guarantee it. Discussion to go to a local bank. Wayne Bishop mentioned a City PayPal account. Lon thought he should ask auditors about City being able to have a PayPal account. Lon knows a handy-man who could buy gazebo and put up for us but City can't hire someone without a contractor license. It was decided that Lon will buy the gazebo and get reimbursed for \$2098.96 so it can be purchased without delay. City needs to consider what to do to avoid this issue in the future.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department – Samantha Erickson absent. Mayor reported 53 Skyline Drive asked to have water shut off located. They are fixing water pressure and contractor couldn't find shut off. They are going to dig up curb stop, try to get it working or install a new one. The City will pay for new one if needed. They need to put a pressure valve on the house side of the curb stop to see where the pressure problem is located. Cost to resident and City will be determined after problem is found.

Mayor Javens met with Brian Powers. Brian is staying with water department. Samantha will be meeting with Mark Weber to find out details of when he is retiring. Gil Harrison volunteered for training for water department.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf absent. Gas meter by pump house had posts put in by the gas company to protect it.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Wayne Bishop reported concrete pad quotes. One contractor never returned call. Clint Adams bid \$1200. Thurber's bid \$1632. Placement suggestion outside playground area, between slides and playground or possibly over by trees on other side of playground for shade, but that wouldn't be as level. Wayne will discuss placement with Clint Adams. Wayne will talk to AmLawn about sprinkler head changes after spot is determined.

Wayne weeded the sand in playground. Mayor Javens wondered if corn gluten meal should be put in the area, Wayne will check on this. Wayne has been checking on sprinklers, and looking at bases to see what needs replacement.

City hall vacuum cleaner hose is bad. Hans Schwanke will look for a new vacuum and discuss with Wayne before purchase.

Delineators will be going up soon. Plastic bumpers are split and Wayne will check out replacements. Hans will help.

Public Safety Department – Hans Schwanke reported sirens are working. He is also interested in helping with water department.

Motion to approve departmental reports, Hans Schwanke, Wayne Bishop, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Private tile lines – Mayor Javens met with Brian Powers to discuss situation. Mayor Javens is willing to have letters sent to homes on tile lines inviting them to next month's meeting to get feedback on the city facilitating the cleaning out of the tile lines on a yearly basis. The fee would be divided up between homeowners on tile lines on next bill after cleanings. Wayne Bishop wondered if there are any legal questions on the City doing that. Mayor Javens will call League of MN Cities for opinion. He feels the City has a right to step in on this. If residents have

significant push back, the City will not move forward on this. Wayne wondered if City needs to decide beforehand what is considered significant push back. City is only talking about cleaning – not maintenance or anything else on lines. At some point, the lines will collapse and homeowners need to figure out what to do about that. Mayor will draft a letter for residents and then Clerk will send letter out in plenty of time to notify residents. Clerk will ask Russ Dahl if he has information on 8-home tile line. Wayne said City Attorney needs to write something up to keep City from being liable.

Water tower repair – nothing new.

MS4 permit application – nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn, Wayne Bishop, Hans Schwanke, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Cathy Dahl
Skyline City Clerk

Mayor

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