

## **Skyline City Council Minutes**

**March 12, 2012**

**Attendance:** Mayor Mike Kluck, Council Members - Travis Javens, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, Rebecca Carpenter; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Fire Chief Roger Hermanson; Wade Becker

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

### **Public Open Forum:**

Wade Becker, 20 Skyline Drive, would like to add on a master bath and walk-in closet. Will not run wider or higher than current house. Mayor and council told him there is no problem with the addition.

### **Approval of March 12, 2012 agenda**

Motion to approve agenda Travis Javens, Samantha Erickson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

### **Approval of February 13, 2012 minutes**

Motion to approve minutes Samantha Erickson, Rebecca Carpenter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

### **City Clerk Report:**

Updated council member information for Xcel Energy.

Cathy Dahl received and posted Open Book Meeting for the Assessment Notice and also sent to Free Press for publication. Open book meeting dates and time; April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 9:00 AM. It will be held at the Blue Earth County Taxpayer Services Office.

Art is still not up on the walls.

The paperwork was filled in with date of city council meeting (3-14-2011) when council approved not waiving monetary limits on tort liability and sent to Willard and Williams Insurance.

Motion to approve City Clerk report, Rebecca Carpenter, Samantha Erickson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lon Whitehead went over report.

Motion to approve Treasurer Report Rebecca Carpenter, Travis Javens 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

### **Water Department:**

Samantha Erickson will discuss under new business.

### **Street Department**

Dean Rengstorf reports budget looking good from the mild winter. Looking into leveling manhole covers.

## **Parks Department**

Travis Javens did inform winner of bid for mowing and told the others they did not get our business this year.

## **Public Safety**

Rebecca Carpenter called Xcel Energy about turning street light to face new parking area. She will meet with them this week.

Roger Hermanson reported about a possible fire-fighters relief association. A contact for more information is David J. Ganfield.

Motion to approve departmental reports as read Rebecca Carpenter, Dean Rengstorf 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

### **Old business:**

Need a street light for new extra parking area - resolved.

Name of city hall is not lit to be visible at night. Discussion of adding light to flag pole or if this is even a problem. Determined to not be an issue.

Discussion of making it a requirement that every house sold must be inspected by our city plumber to make sure it is up to code. Notification if this is happening in the future could be put on utility bills to notify residents.

### **New business:**

Light on Skyline sign was broken but was bent down. Possibly can be repaired. Travis Javens will look into this.

The city of Mankato doesn't believe our current readings are sufficient. Part of our agreement is to have equipment in place to measure flow of sewage. We need to send a plan to them no later than April 30, 2012. Blockage in meter causes high readings, sometimes up to 70 gallons a minute. Bolton and Menk could do this, or I & S. Samantha Erickson spoke with Bolton Menk about manhole placement and other information. It is more complex than realized and may cost city up to \$100,000 to accomplish this. Options other than paying are few. Between now and 4/30/12, we must get proposals from Bolton Menk and I & S on solutions. Also check to see if excess water is getting into system. Travis stated water seeping into manhole covers would be very minimal. Madison Lake is doing home inspections to verify nothing else, such as rain water, is being put into sewer line. Mankato suggests placing reader partway down the hill. Engineers say the slope is too great for accurate readings. 4 homes on west side of hill belong to Skyline. 3 houses on east side of hill are Mankato. Mankato would like the readings below the 4 homes and subtract their 3 homes. Meters go into existing manholes if it will work, add another if needed. Sampling station is a pump with a jug below and it pulls samples out every so many gallons of water

flow. Samples are tested for chemicals that should not be there. Mankato may call for samples at any time; we must comply and pay expenses. Small hut housing metering equipment has to be heated. Current city council is not sure why this was not done at time of hooking up to Mankato sewer. MN Valley Testing cannot bill us because they have been unable to give any numbers. We need at least 2 proposals from engineering companies. Travis Javens will abstain from voting on who gets the bid, but will give input as to what needs to be done. Engineering companies will receive all the same information. Mayor Kluck will contact [jonpe@bolton-menk.com](mailto:jonpe@bolton-menk.com) to request proposal and also I & S. Mayor Kluck will explain situation to residents in upcoming newsletter.

Discussion on water billing ordinances is tabled for a couple of months until water situation with Mankato is resolved.

Motion to adjourn, Rebecca Carpenter, Dean Rengstorf 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Cathy Dahl

Skyline City Clerk