

CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2017

Present: Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Dean Rengstorf, Hans Schwanke

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Add spring cleanup to new business, add tile lines to old business. Motion to approve, Wayne Bishop, Hans Schwanke, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

15-Minute Public Open Forum – none.

City Clerk's Report – Cathy Dahl reported property tax information from Blue Earth County. We can only send one assessment per year per residence to put overdue bills on property taxes and this has to be to the county by November 30. We have the possibility of residents having more than one occurrence of 90 days+ overdue bills. Clerk asked if she should send to taxes now or wait until later in the year to actually send amount to the county since some may continue to not pay. Another certified letter from 1716 Woodland was returned. 134 S. Skyline Drive have made a payment and said they will continue paying later. Mayor Javens suggested sending letters to ask for payments throughout year and then cut off and send to county later in year. It was decided that at September meetings of each year, amount to go for collection to county will be established and taken care of.

Clerk sent Samantha Erickson's letter about water pad installations needed to her for approval and asked who residents should contact for questions. Any questions should go to Samantha. Three residences will receive this letter.

New Wells Fargo card will be coming in mail.

City Treasurer's Report – Lon Whitehead reported for February, 2017. About 20 residents have signed up for automatic payments of utilities. Council reviewed late utility payments. Clerk will mail letters.

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

Motion to approve contract for service from Frontline Plus for siren service, Hans Schwanke, Dean Rengstorf, 2nd. Passed unanimously. Contract signed and Lon Whitehead will return to company.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department – Samantha Erickson absent.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf – nothing to report. Wayne Bishop was concerned about recent snow plowing left pie-shaped piles of snow in roads by parks and snow was pushed into yards. Dean suggested he snap photos next time to verify issue. Plows hit manholes – it will be looked into this spring.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Wayne Bishop reported mailbox will be put back up as soon as weather warms up. He will be replacing reflector posts that have been destroyed. Mayor Javens wonders if posts should be reconsidered as kids seem to be breaking them off. Dean Rengstorf suggested telling residents to talk to children about it in next newsletter. Hans Schwanke hasn't found a better price for park shelter. \$3,000 is dedicated to this from Skyline Coop Association. Wayne Bishop thinks 10' x 10' would be a good size. Mayor Javens suggested a gazebo with no concrete – it would sit on gravel. Wayne Bishop will research new idea.

Public Safety Department – Hans Schwanke nothing to report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Private tile lines – Mayor Javens discussed situation with city attorney and Pat Hentjes from Mankato. He asked how to facilitate cleaning lines as a city. It can be done this way if a contract is made up and every homeowner on lines signs it. It needs to be signed by very person with their name on the title and notarized. Most likely a survey will have to be done on tile lines. And wording in contract will have to specify what happens if residents do not pay bill – amount going to property taxes.

City attorney said the Coop Association could take this over easier than the City.

Attorney mentioned possible City liability if they pay for cleaning and tile breaks up during the cleaning.

Mayor believes the City should steer clear of taking over cleaning lines and will notify residents affected to come to April City Council meeting to discuss further.

Cathy Dahl explained 8-tile line and wondered if new owners have been told about contract signed by original owners. Mayor Javens said it needs to be researched in public records and told to new residents if they are not aware.

Mayor Javens also talked to City Attorney about what to do about drainage issue on side of the hill. Ken White said we need to check our liability insurance with League of MN Cities and look for language that they may need to be forewarned about possible law suit against city over drainage. Clerk will investigate and write letter if necessary. From lawyer's opinion, it would look good for the city to do the study to show we were proactive. Dean Rengstorf does not believe the tile is the problem; it's just a matter of heavy rains.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Clean Up – Lon Whitehead will contact LJP about available dates. Mayor Javens suggested May 6, 13 or 20: any weekend except Memorial Weekend. Lon Whitehead will choose.

Motion to adjourn, Dean Rengstorf, Hans Schwanke, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Cathy Dahl
Skyline City Clerk

Mayor

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