

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021/ 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

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

Guests: Uma Vempati(Kimley-Horn Representative), Brian Petzel (ISG Representative), Alan Honerman, Brian Powers

Meeting offered via Google Meet. Monthly invite located on the City of Skyline website.

Agenda:

Meeting called to order by Mayor Attarian at 6:45 pm

Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance

Kimley-Horn Presentation

Uma Vempati, Kimley-Horn representative, gave a brief presentation to the council and community members. He outlined his company's proposal. He provided a folder with details outlining the proposed water tower bid for his company to council members. He discussed the involvement of cell companies in the decision making process. Stating that these companies will complete a data analysis once the City's decision is made about location of the new tower. Based on their analysis, they will choose to stay within the City of Skyline or that the cost is too high and they may choose to move elsewhere. The revenue would be a large loss to the community. He offered this information to assure that the city makes an informed decision about water tower construction. Jason Hamond asked if we are on schedule to meet the construction goal of starting construction the summer of 2022. Uma states that we are on schedule and it would be feasible to maintain this construction goal. Charlie Berg, via Google Meet, asked about a signed agreement with ISG for preliminary

workup and charges. Paige clarified that the signed proposal was preliminary and that the City of Skyline is not obligated if they chose not to use ISG. Brian Petzel, ISG, also confirmed that the City of Skyline agreement was not for the entire project and is in fact preliminary.

☐ ISG Presentation

Brian Petzel, ISG representative, states that he does not have anything to add from the information that he provided the council in February. Brian states that ISG has also researched cell phone companies and the potential data analysis by them that would review how the companies would move forward with their cell phone towers based on the location of the water tower. Brian states that bonding rates have been 2% or less recently. Paige asked if there were any questions from the audience both in person and via Google Meet. Brian Powers asked about the size of the hole that would be necessary and how much concrete to create a solid foundation. Brian explained that the footprint of the base was provided in the documents submitted to the council at last month's meeting. The proposal is located on the City of Skyline website. Council members had general questions related to the style and size of the water tower and how the cell phone towers would be able to be added effectively. Brian explained that different designs would allow for more space for additional future cell towers. Brian explained that the cost difference comes from additional staging cost if the water tower is placed in the current location. Paige thanked Brian for coming to the meeting.

☐ Public Forum

Brian Powers explained that there was a loss of pressure due to a ruptured plastic hose. He states that it was an easy fix, he took care of the problem himself and the water tower was filled with no fuller disruptions.

Shirley Piepho asked how much did it cost to make the repairs on the water tower last fall to make the water tower function properly. The cost of repairs was \$56,000. The repairs were stated to make the current tower last an additional 4-5 years.

Alan Honerman made a comment about increasing deer population. He is asking what the possibility of a deer hunt next Fall. Paige agrees that it is a problem and agrees that the council may have to address this with the DNR.

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Shirley motioned to approve minutes and agenda, Steve seconded. Passed unanimously.

City Clerk Report

The City Clerk has nothing to report.

City Treasurer Report

Lon states that total receipts for the month were \$19,287.02 and payables were \$3379.13. The current total fund balance is at \$370,462.03. Eric motioned to approve treasurer report, Jason Hamond seconded. Passed unanimously.

Water and garbage bill list

Water and garbage bill list was distributed. Marnie will mail letters to those residents that are over 90 days, overdue.

Departmental Reports

Water Department

Jason gave a thank you to Mike Erickson and Chris Heimer for their assistance with the emergent water issue in Brian Powers absence. No other information to report.

Street Department

Eric states that there are a few street repairs necessary for this spring. He states that he will contact Nielson to come up and prepare a quote.

Parks and Playground Department

Steve states that he does not have any concerns. He states that he will order the port-a-potty for the Vetter Park in April. He states that he will rake the park when the ground firms up.

Public Safety

Shirley states that no police calls were reported last month. Paige thanked Shirley for gathering email addresses from Skyline residents. Emails will be used for mailing newsletter and other city correspondence.

New Business:

- Jason Hamond will serve as acting Mayor if Mayor Attarian is unreachable or on leave.
- **Discuss water tower contractor decision**-Paige opened a discussion to gather council members opinions. Eric states that ISG seems to have more accessible workers for construction. Steve states that anytime you work with contractors you will have construction timelines to follow. Shirley states that she would like to stay local with ISG. Steve states that he is comfortable with Uma, Kimley-Horn and the experience that he and his team bring to the project. Shirley made a motion to move forward with ISG, Eric Manske seconded. The site of the new water tower will be discussed during future meetings and forums. This discussion was just to determine which firm will be building the proposed water tower. The council voted unanimously to go with ISG. Paige will contact Brian Petzel to inform him of the council's decision.
- **LJP Contract**-Waste Management is considerably more expensive than LJP. The council approved resigning a contract with LJP for garbage and recycling. Steve motioned to stay with LJP, Jason seconded. Passed unanimously. Paige will sign the new contact.
- **Spring Clean up**-Lon states that he will get a list of spring clean up dates soon. He will select a Saturday in the next few weeks.

Paige motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Shirley moves to adjourn, Jason seconded. Passed unanimously.