

# **CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 8, 2017**

**Present:** Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, Hans Schwanke; Residents, Roger Hermanson, Gil Harrison, Chris Heimer

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

## **15-Minute Public Open Forum –**

Roger Hermanson – water washing away at storm outlet in back yard. Trees fell into ravine over winter and may need taking care of. Dean Rengstorf will stop over and check it out.

Gil Harrison – He handed out info on solar panels from Cedar Creek Energy for past year since he installed panels. He asked Hilltop Nursery about their solar power and they were happy with it. He did have to remove trees to get more sunshine to panels. After third year, there should be little cost to him and he will start to get money back. He's sharing information, not advertising it. He still pays electric bill but gets the credit as a rebate or reduces his bill. The rebates should go for three years and eventually pay his entire investment. Dean Rengstorf mentioned the possibility of putting panels on pump house to offset city electric costs. Mayor Javens said it may be worth looking into.

Gil Harrison volunteered to take a water reader position.

**City Clerk's Report** – Cathy Dahl reported Skyline newsletters were sent out last week. Troy Walsh from Minnesota League of MN Cities visited Skyline at noon on May 8th to introduce himself as our contact. Phone 612.554.0623, email [twalsh@lmc.org](mailto:twalsh@lmc.org) I did mention the private drain tile lines issues and he suggested contacting Jed Burkett, LMC land attorney, [jburkett@lmc.org](mailto:jburkett@lmc.org), 651.281.1247. Clerk shared plans for home improvements at 144 S. Skyline Drive.

**City Treasurer's Report** – Lon Whitehead reported for April, 2017. Clerk will send 8 letters to residents for overdue water/utility. Lon will be starting process for annual audit with Burkhardt. Council will not require them to talk to entire Council unless there is something unique to be shared.

Approval of city clerk's report and treasurer's report and to pay bills, motion, Dean Rengstorf, Samantha Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Water Department** – Samantha Erickson asked which position in water department Gil Harrison is interested in. Mayor Javens had a brief conversation with Brian Powers - date when Mark Weber will be leaving is not set. Council didn't mean to jump the gun with announcing Mark was leaving. There will be more time for training new person. Samantha will be in touch with new volunteers and is still waiting for another interested volunteer.

**Street Department** - Dean Rengstorf reported putting together bids for driveway to pump house and parking lot for City Hall. We may need more spaces – possibly City could turn current handicap space into more spaces. Mayor Javens mentioned painting in as many spaces as possible. Dean will have companies do a site plan to bring to next meeting. Dean and Wayne Bishop will work on moving mail box around corner to avoid it being hit again. Wayne has discussed requirements with USPS.

**Parks & Playgrounds Department** - Wayne Bishop reported delineators are in. He will turn sprinkler system on in a couple weeks. Gazebo purchase is stalled because it has to be purchased online and our city credit card limit is \$1000 and gazebo is higher. Lon Whitehead will check with auditor to see if City is allowed to make a one-time debit card increase.

Bids for mulch and concrete: AmLawn \$1757 and Thurber Construction bid \$2214 which included assembling gazebo. It costs less to do concrete than mulch. Wayne asked if we want to hire out the assembly. City will have to add an extra \$1182.25 to Coop Association donation to cover everything. Parks budget can take care of the amount. Wayne will also call Bruce Anderson Construction in Nicollet for a bid.

Wayne mentioned possibly Consolidated Communications could provide free phone, TV and internet for City. Other cities get that service. Dean Rengstorf will check into this.

New baseball bases are \$60- 80 apiece. He will need a pry bar to get old bases out. There are things to put in place of bases over winter.

**Public Safety Department** – Hans Schwanke reported sirens are working including tornado awareness evening. Light for City sign was broken but someone fixed it. Resident asked us if we have any maps of individual lots. He told resident to go to Blue Earth County website for that information but not wholly reliable. Mayor Javens may have a more accurate pdf to send to Hans.

Motion to approve departmental reports, Samantha Erickson, Wayne Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Private tile lines – nothing new. Mayor Javens will meet with Brian Powers to brain storm ideas.

Water tower repair – Mayor Javens was approached with discussing a joint water tower investment with City of Mankato. Skyline water tower is good for 3 – 5 years at this point. Any negotiations would not include Skyline being annexed by Mankato and there would be public meetings before anything would happen. Lon Whitehead asked about rental antennas on current water tower. Wayne Bishop mentioned needing to go at a faster pace next year if we hold on water tower work now.

MS4 permit application – Sent back to state and accepted. It is now out for a public posting for a 30 day public review period. Nothing else to do right now.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor attended ASA (All Seasons Arena) board meeting set 2018 budget, \$723,000. ASA is looking into buying solar farm credits. They purchased a new Zamboni for \$100,700. Old one sold for approximately \$20,000.

Lon Whitehead mentioned Home Magazines were tossed anywhere over the winter, tossed in parks, between houses, etc. Clerk will send letter asking that unless residents are supplied with boxes for home, we will not accept them just being thrown into yards. Please contact residents about if they would like a box. City has had issues with Home Magazines laying around in yards.

Motion to adjourn, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Cathy Dahl  
Skyline City Clerk

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