

City Council Meeting

May 11, 2020 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

ATTENDEES: Mayor Paige Attarian, Marnie Kortuem, Lon Whitehead, Steve Romnes, Eric Manske

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg, Wayne Bishop, Joanne Boettcher, Sam Erickson (Council Member), Mary Dowd (Council Member)

AGENDA

- Call meeting to order by Mayor Attarian
- Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance.
- Approve Agenda and Minutes. Steve motioned, Sam 2nd. Passed unanimously.
- City Clerk Report: A spreadsheet of resident's communication preference is being constructed in Google Spreadsheets.

Resident's are emailing their email, cell phone and landline to Marnie and she will populate and maintain. Marnie will Explore sending a newsletter through email instead of through mail.
- City Treasurer Report: Lon states the we did not receive payment from AT&T, he followed up with them and payment

shall be coming. There was an additional bill for Instyprints for newsletters and for reimbursement to Mayor Attarian for stamps for the newsletter. The water bills over 90 days were discussed and letters will be mailed to those residents. Motion to accept report and to mail bills made by Steve, 2nd by Eric. Passed unanimously.
- Water and garbage bill list: It was discussed that while there were fewer resident's on the overdue list, the amounts

are higher. It was discussed that Dorothy Knedel had an extremely high water bill. It was determined that she had a leaky toilet that caused the amount to be so high. The city only billed the average until the cause could be determined. Sam called Dorothy's daughter to discuss having the City plumber come in. The daughter already had Schwickert's coming to do the work. Schwickert's invoice stated a leaky toilet was found and fixed. They stated that the

meter was working fine. Charlie is planning to read the meter and the council will have to determine how to rectify the large bill after the meter is read. paid the difference and assisted with the repair. Sam worked with Schwickert's to have the toilet repaired. The council will follow up with the next reading to assure that the problem was rectified. Lon stated that a property was sold and he was not contacted regarding assessments. This property did have an assessment. Lon notified the new owner a day before close.

Departmental Reports

Water Department: Sam states that she shared the Skyline 2019 Drinking Water Report with Marnie and Lon. Copies were given to council members and Lon will post the report on the City website. She found out after the meeting that Mark Weber had already taken care of reporting and posting on the door.

Street Department: Eric had Nielsen Blacktop come up to evaluate the holes in the roads in Skyline. Nielsen Blacktop will be providing a quote for repair. Paige is questioning if the repairs can wait until water tower constructions begins since there will be a great deal of road damage. Eric states that the repairs should be done so that damages are not so extensive and expensive. He has also communicated with Minnesota Roadways. Eric will continue to communicate with both companies on pricing and precise work that needs to be done. He also has a call into WW Blacktopping, but has not heard back. Paige asked if we could repair the poor areas this year and chip seal the roads after water tower construction is complete. Council members agreed that may be a good plan. Eric will pursue repairs for this season. Eric is going to price manhole covers due to the damage done by Bargaen sealing the covers shut last summer.

Parks and Playground Department: Steve is recommending that a sign be posted on the door at the tennis court that states that the court can only be used for tennis and pickleball only. When the Shelter In Place order is lifted the yellow tape will be removed from the park playground equipment. These directions for court will also be added to the website as well.

☐ Public Safety Department: Mary was not present. Nothing to report.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

- Garage Proposal at 25 Skyline Drive. Steph Greising presenter. Plans were supplied and reviewed. No concerns seen with the plans. The resident will be notified that she can proceed with building her garage.
- Mary Dowd's resignation, formal notification was received. Mary did withdraw the resignation letter until the vacancy was filled. Both documents were received and approved. Vacancy was declared. The position was listed As vacant in the newsletter. This vacancy will be discussed as the next meeting.
- Newsletter responsibilities. Mary has graciously agreed to complete the spring newsletter. It was discussed that Mayor Attarian will write the newsletter and Eric will design the template. The two of them will take over newsletter responsibilities.
- Sign Hazard Mitigation Resolution. Paige reviewed and signed the resolution. Eric motioned to adopt the resolution, Steve 2nd. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Water Connect with the City of Mankato. The City of Mankato is requesting to use the water connect in the case of an emergency involving areas between the two cities. Steve states that we need more details before agreeing. Paige will work on gathering more specifics and present at the next meeting.
- Discuss AmLawn use of fertilizer/weed killer near property at 141 S. Skyline Court (Joanne Boettcher). The resident is requesting no use of granular or liquid fertilizer near her property. Steve has suggested that AmLawn mow the area near her home, but not use weed control or fertilizer products. All members agree that AmLawn can move forward with this arrangement.
- Discuss repairs to washout at 241 W. Skyline Court from winter 2018-2019 when the tower had to be drained to keep from freezing. The resident has requested that this be repaired as soon as possible. Dirt will need to be hauled in and the area seeded. Suggestions for notifying AmLawn or Greg Gonzales were made and will be followed up on by Steve.
- Make sure that the contacts are correct so that the Mayor and/or Clerk receive notification of when a resident makes a Call Before You Dig request. Resident's need to notify the City of Skyline before they dig. We need

to contact Vangaard or Gopher One so that they email the Mayor Attarian prior to a dig. Marnie will call to arrange this communication. Charlie Berg is going to contact an independent service that the county has been using and notify Paige once he has the information. This goes with the next bullet point. Residents are needing to know where their water lines are when doing work in their yards.

- Contract with one of the other providers who are doing the work to mark our water lines when the work is in the front yard. See the above response.
- Also, MRI has completed the work replacing the two meters in resident's homes. The resident at 21 Skyline drive has the need to replace the water shut off inside the house. After talking with Brian, that is the homeowners responsibility as we are responsible for the shut off at the curb stop and the actual meter only. One extra meter was purchased and is in the pumphouse. Sam and Charlie Berg state that all work has been completed.
- Eric is going to contact homeowner at the residence near the Skyline sign coming up the hill to see if we can remove the large bush in front of the Skyline limestone sign.
- Residents at 20 Skyline Drive would like to have a permit for a chicken coop and greenhouse. Images were reviewed by council members. It is discussed that a permit and fee of \$10 shall be paid. The resident is to speak to his neighbor and come to the next meeting to apply for a permit.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY MAYOR ATTARIAN at 8:37 pm. Motioned by Steve, 2nd by Sam. Passed unanimously.