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City of Skyline

City Council Agenda

Meeting Date: November 12, 2019

(Tuesday meeting due to Veterans Day)

Call meeting to order

Mayor Paige Attarian called meeting together.

Pledge of Allegiance

Please recited

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Mary motioned, Steve 2nd

***Resolution 2019-3 to accept Dean Rengsdorf resignation. Sam motioned, Steve 2nd. Resignation accepted.*

***Request to move council member election to the beginning of the meeting. Sam motioned, Steve 2nd.*

***Shirley Piepho spoke about her interest in the position. Eric Manske spoke of his interest in the position.*

***Board members voted to appoint Eric Manske as the new council member. Eric raised his right hand and was sworn in by Mayor Paige Attarian.*

Public Open Forum

Charlie Berg spoke about letter of zoning for the Zernachel. He would like a copy of that zoning letter. Mr. Berg had a question about the title for the front part of Skyline. Mayor Attarian states that the city attorney stated that the title data was not enforceable. Mrs. Piepho asked if agenda and minutes could be released and reviewed prior to the meeting. Mayor Attarian will review this request.

City Clerk Report

Nothing to report.

❑ City Treasurer Report

Lon reviewed receipts and payables. He discussed that Schwigert came to access Heating outage. They came the next day to repair the unit. Steve felt the repairs were going to be approximately \$1800. Due to the inconvenience of not having heat, Lon issued refunds of \$40 each to Robin Bishop and Cathy Dahl. This was their fee for using the hall. Paige inquired how much of the budget balance of \$313,405 is allocated for specific expenses. Lon explained that none of it is really allocated for specific items but that the money is moved around to keep property taxes down. Sam motioned to pay the bills, Steve 2nd.

❑ Water and garbage bill list

Property tax letter amount need to be verified, Lon with follow up with LJP to make sure that residents have not made a payment. If they have not, Lon will refund the residents and apply the balance to property taxes.

Departmental Reports

❑ Water Department

The following italicized information is from prior meeting minutes:

[There are 27 houses in the interior that have a tile line running through their yards. A few years ago, the line was clogged and all the houses flooded. Some of the homeowners were told if this happened again, they would no longer be able to receive homeowners insurance as it was a repetitive problem. This topic was discussed during many meetings in 2017 as the fix to it is having the tile lines cleaned out by jetter clean on a regular basis. The problem being whose responsibility was the bill. This was an open forum discussion on September 11, 2017 if you want to reference the topic. I remember just one resident being opposed to it as the process at that time was to charge the homeowners.]

Darlene Lee was able to provide documents saying the easements belong to the city. Minutes from October 2017 indicated the the Mayor started researching land records finding this to be the case.

March 2018 Old Business states the mayor would like to propose cleaning this tile every year and a half. It was done by the May 2018 meeting and would be due this fall. Brian is already noticing standing water at the manhole at 103 S. Skyline. The touchy part of this is who is to pay. The

controversy is that all other owners have to pay to keep their own tile lines working but when 27 houses flood, it is not good for all of Skyline. I cannot say if Ken White was included or not. I do think these lines need to be cleaned this fall but again, I am not sure where the cost should lie. If you have questions, please just reply to me so that we are not in violation of the open meeting law.]

Follow up will commence. The tile will be cleaned again this fall of 2019. Steve motioned, Mary 2nd

☐ Street Department

Paige called Bargaen about manhole covers. They will come back and cut the manhole open.

Paige is still holding payment.

☐ Parks and Playground Department

Sprinkler has been turned off. Port o John will be removed. Baseball field was winterized. Eric created some designs to commemorate the red top water tower.

He stated that these are just ideas. He states that he will bring ideas to meeting next month.

☐ Public Safety Department

Mary talked to Sister Kolberts on Woodland to discuss how to be a good neighbor. Sister Kolberts will write a column for the newsletter.

Old Business

- Water tower

Paige handed out information from two water tower companies. Steve and Paige Met with ISG to discuss approximate cost of building a water tower, pump replacement, etc.

The cost is anticipated to cost \$1.5 million. Steve discussed

the potential of qualify for Minnesota Rural Water system bonds. Skyline is

too small to qualify. Assessment per resident would be approximately \$55 per month for 20 years. There are true concerns about being non-compliant with OSHA on the current water

tower. Discussion to have another public forum

to discuss water tower. The suggestion is to have the public forum in

January with engineers to discuss Skyline funding their own water tower. Steve

will speak with engineers to invite them to the January meeting.

- Road repair
Discussed above.

New Business

- 2020 City of Skyline Budget discussion

Paige asked the council if there are any large foreseeable expenses. Paige handed out budget reports to all members that show a comparison of 2019 to 2020. There were no large expenses reported. The \$6000 fee to the City of Mankato for looking into the joint water project was added to expenses. The budget will be approved in December. Mayor Attarian requested that member be thinking of items prior to the next meeting.

- Complaints about feral cats

What is the council's responsibility? It is suggested that individual's call 911 and deal with it. It was requested that our contract with Mankato Police pick up unattended pets in Skyline. Mary will follow up with Mankato Police Department. Suggestion was made to include a message about these cats and other pets in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm. Sam motioned, Mary 2nd.