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City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 14, 2019

- Call meeting to order
Meeting called to order by Steve Romnes, second by Sam Erickson
- Pledge of Allegiance
Pledge completed
- Approve Agenda and Minutes
Minutes and agenda approved by Steve Romnes, seconded by Mary Dowd,
Passed unanimously
- Public Open Forum

-Water Tower Discussion. See attached notes.

- City Clerk Report
Nothing to discuss at this time.
- City Treasurer Report
Still has not paid Bergen for Skyline road repairs. Not okay that manhole covers are sealed and they need to cut them open. Paige will call and let them know that this needs to be addressed.
Paige will also call Laketown Electric regarding parts that failed and why we paid for the failed parts. Sam motioned and Steve Romnes seconded Treasurer's report. New bond for Marnie Kortuem, city clerk discussed.
- Water and garbage bill list
Overdue bills will be prepared and sent. Two citizens are going to receive Certified letters stating that balance will show up on next year's property taxes.

Departmental Reports

- Water Department
Nothing to report.
- Street Department
Nothing to report.

❑ Parks and Playground Department

Steve got a message stating that the DVD is broken. It will be replaced.

Community member states that she will donate at DVD player.

❑ Public Safety Department

Mary states that the Mankato Marathon is this weekend. Travel safely and cautiously.

Old Business

No old business discussed.

New Business

-2020 Census. Participation was 90% last census and the previous census was 91%. There is an opportunity for \$750 to form a committee and increase participation. Paige will pursue further information about the incentive.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Mary motioned to adjourn, Steve seconded.

Addendum:

Public Forum-Water Tower Discussion

City of Mankato Representatives: Mike McCarty (Engineer) Kyle Hendricks (Water Department) Unknown Name (Waste Water)

Engineer Mike McCarty opened discussion with an introduction and spoke about the current reservoir and that 1/3 of the lower system will be affected by new construction. He discussed that low water pressure is a problem for neighborhoods directly below Skyline. He reviewed that should be work together that water and well would be Mankato water, not Skyline's. He proposed two ideas: a joint partnership where each community pay a portion, maintenance would be Skyline or Mankato pay for the project and Mankato would take over everything; billing, maintenance. This would mean no money from Skyline. Mr. McCarty gave the community and board two online resources for following progress of there water projects:

mankatoconstruction.com (he stated that this site has had some issues)

mankatomn.gov Information will be located under water project tab

Public Discussion/Response:

Mary Dowd clarified the boards position that no decisions have been made regarding this project and are listening to public concern and questions.

Resident Jane Sogstag: Will we still have the cell tower revenue?

McCarty: Revenue from cell tower will remain the same.

Skyline Coop President Walter Gates: What is the exact location of new tower?

McCarty: Adjacent to current tower

Gates: Naming rights. Logo on water tower?

McCarty: Cooperative logo?? Not positive at this time.

Gates: What will the capacity be?

McCarty: 75,000 to 100,000 gallons (currently 50,000)

Gates: Who will retain ownership?

McCarty: Whatever agreement is reached.

Gates: Is Mankato looking to annex Skyline?

McCarty: Not looking to annex

Resident Laura Peterson: Her house is next to the water tower, what with construction impact be for her? How long will the construction take?

Mankato Water Dept Official: Construction will take approximately 16 weeks. Unsure about the exact impact of construction until more decisions have been made.

Resident Tammy Pickell: What will the water rates be? Will we have Mankato water, because it is not as good tasting?

McCarty: Mankato water usage rates will apply and they are higher. Drinking water would be Mankato water.

Ms. Pickell: What does Skyline get?

McCarty: Needed upgrades and financial assistance for the water tower construction.

Ms. Pickell: What if Mankato reads meters and Skyline residents pay current usage rates.

McCarty: That is another discussion for City of Mankato officials.

Unknown Resident: What will the impact on roads, landscaping, etc?

McCarty: This would need to be a part of the agreement for the cities to negotiate once a decision is made to proceed. Agrees that there will be wear and tear on the roads from equipment and increased use.

Unknown Resident: How will the small access road to the water tower work for a big construction project? How will her home access next to the water tower be affected?

McCarty: This would be a discussion if the project were to proceed.

Unknown Resident: What would happen to water quality during and after this project? Increased nitrates, etc? Also, what is the cost analysis comparing Skyline repairing existing system vs. a new tower with Mankato?

Council Member Steve Romnes: States that the cost analysis has been completed and that he is able to provide her and the public with that information.

Mankato Water Kyle Hendricks: Water quality would be monitored throughout the project.

Resident Chris Heimer: How are current partnerships working? With North Mankato, Eagle Lake? Were these multi-tiered agreements with them?

McCarty: These partnerships have been successful. Each agreement will require different consideration.

Resident Alan Honerman: What will happen to the old tanks and lines?

McCarty: They will be removed and water lines capped. New lines would be dug underground. Current water tanks will be dismantled.

Resident Charlie Berg: Are there any grants available for a project such as this?

McCarty: There are no grants available through or for the City of Mankato.

WasteWater City of Mankato official: Minnesota Department of Health has some money available for capping and removing of old systems.

Resident Charlie Berg: Are there any existing cooperative water usage situations that could serve as a model for this project?

WasteWater City of Mankato official: All in the metro area. He suggested Bloomington/Minneapolis agreement as a potential existing agreement to research, but states that is a very different level of usage.

Resident Janet Nelson: What is the age of current sewer/water mains?

Council Member Lon Whitehead: They were done in 2004-2005. All mains are PVC.

Resident Janet Nelson: Will we have to replace mains?

McCarty: No.

Resident Shanna: What areas below the hill have pressure issues?

McCarty: Carron and Lillian Streets

Resident Cathy Dahl: What is the timeline for this project?

McCarty: It is budgeted for 2022 at this time.

Resident Darlene Lee: How do we get a chemical list of what is in the Mankato water?

WasteWater City of Mankato official: Minnesota Department of Health monitors all city water systems. They all use fluoride, chlorine and phosphate.

City of Mankato officials asked if there are any further questions and then thanked the group and departed.

Additional Public Forum items:

Resident Charlie Berg asked if a letter had been written to Cody Zernecel to indicate that he may begin construction? Paige replied no. Charlie provided a certificate of title handout that states that real estate shall not be used for non-residential purposes except upon a written verified consent of the owners of 80 percent of the property in this subdivision nor shall it be used as a public street in whole or in part. Board accepted the letter for consideration.

Resident Cathy Dahl has a concern about individuals parking at the hall that are not using the facility. It uses up parking that individuals using the facility needs. Council agrees that this is a problem. They will look into signage that indicates no parking for non-usage patrons.

Resident Darlene Lee asked if there will be a task force created for the water tower project. Council members indicated yes and that there is a sign up sheet located at the island in kitchen area.

Resident Gary Garlick asked how much revenue the cell towers generate and what that revenue is used for? Lon responded that they generate \$90,000 annually and that money got into the water budget but does get reallocated for other expenses.