

# City Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2021/ 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

**ATTENDEES:** Mayor Paige Attarian, Lon Whitehead, Shirley Piepho, Jason Hammond, Steve Romnes, Marnie Kortuem,

**Guests:** Brian Petzel (ISG), Sam and Mike Erickson, Mark Piepho

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg, Eric Manske, Kelly Evans (ISG)

## **Agenda:**

- Meeting called order by Mayor Attarian at 6:45 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.
  - Public Forum-Mike and Sam Erickson presented the council with plans to move their garage to the northeast corner of their property. Mike presented an aerial drawing of the property to demonstrate the position of the new garage. He states that they will be increasing the height of the garage slightly for functionality of a car lift. He states that it is stage one of the project. Stage two will include adding a three stall garage to their home where the existing garage is. This project includes repositioning their driveway to access the road more efficiently and safely. Mike states that he is asking the council for permission to move the current garage and add the new driveway. Mike states that the set back would be to the full extent of the set back. The council is requesting a written copy of their survey from Bolten and Menk. Mike states that he reviewed the city ordinances and his request falls within the ordinance. The council asked that the Ericksons' neighbors provide a letter stating that they are okay with the modifications of their home. Mayor Attarian states that the council will discuss later in the meeting and they will make a decision tonight contingent upon the neighbors agreement. Council discussed the proposed modifications.  
Mayor Attarian motioned to sign Resolutions 2021-3 to allow modifications to the Erickson property contingent upon the agreement of the surrounding neighbors based on the fact that they have an unconventional lot.
  - ISG Presentation (Final elevations/pressure increases, Logo designs and locations) Kelly joined the meeting via Google Meet. He states that there will be a 5 psi increase with an 11 foot increase in the tower height. The council confirms that the adjustment is acceptable. Kelly is asking what design the City would like on the water tower. Right now the price includes only the word Skyline. Just the word Skyline is approximately \$2000, any additional design would increase the cost \$2000-\$3000 more. Kelly states that the ISG marketing department can also come with some designs at no additional cost to the City of Skyline.

The design choice must be made by the November meeting when everything goes out to bid. Kelly states that they have already begun speaking with utility companies involved in the new water tower. Kelly asks the council if they are wanting inspections done as the project proceeds to assure that there are no issues involving damaged pieces of the water tower. He states that the utility company has offered to communicate with the various inspectors at a fee of approximately every \$2000. This cost replaces a cost that is currently in the contract with ISG for similar service. Jason motioned to approve ISG to sub contract out the utility negotiation to KLM, Shirley seconded. Passed unanimously. Eric Manske asked for clarification of where the cell phone antennas would be placed on the style of water that has been chosen. Kelly assured him that the wider base allows for adequate placement of the cell phone antennas. Shirley asked Brian if the project is on schedule as originally planned. Brian states that the project is set for construction in Spring 2022 as initially discussed.

- ❑ Agenda and Minutes approved by the council. Mayor Attarian motioned to approve. Steve Romnes Seconded. Passed unanimously.
- ❑ City Clerk Report-Pest control. The council reviewed a bid from Plunkett's. Mayor Attarian motioned to accept bid from Plunkett, Jason seconded. Passed unanimously. Mayor Attarian signed the bid paperwork from Plunketts. Jason states that he will deliver to Plunkett's representative.
- ❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon reviewed the receipts and payables. September receipts totalled \$10,615.06, Payables totalled \$21,340.81 Total Fund balances are \$399,843.61. Mark Piepho clarified the amount to be paid annually to All Seasons Arena is \$482.00. The council discussed if the City of Skyline should continue to contribute to the All Seasons Arena fund. The council has decided that they are going to continue to contribute at this time. Steve is going to attend the ASA meeting next week to clarify changes to fees in the near future and will present the any announcements by the ASA committee at the November City Council Meeting. Steve motioned to approve bills, Jason seconded, passed unanimously. Mayor Attarian motioned to accept the treasurer report, Steve seconded, passed unanimously. Lon added that he needs to be approved to purchase stamps for City related mailing. Mayor Attarian motioned, Jason seconded. Passed unanimously.
- ❑ Water and garbage bill list-Amounts over 90 days will be submitted to Blue Earth County for property taxes. Mayor Attarian

## **Departmental Reports**

### ❑ Water Department

Jason states that the pad at 116 S. Skyline Drive home could not be replaced without an electrician. Jason has arranged for the electrician to come and complete. One other resident did not allow entrance of MRI representative and stated that November would be the earliest that they would allow that repair to be made. Jason states that there are currently three other pads that need replacement and that he would continue to have those replacements scheduled in the near future. Charlie states that there are currently 5 houses that have issues with their water meter pads. Jason states that he does not have anything further.

❑ **Street Department**

Eric states that the mastic replacement has occurred and is complete. He also states that he has gathered bids for lawn and snow removal. He will have bids prepared for the council to vote upon at the November meeting. He is waiting to hear back from a couple of more lawn and snow specialists.

❑ **Parks and Playground Department**-Steve states that a resident noticed that the limestone monument Moran Park is slightly leaning. Steve is going to evaluate movement and structural safety. He states the sprinklers at Vetter Park were blown out last week.

❑ **Public Safety**-Shirley states that she does not have anything to report. Steve states that a resident made a complaint about speeding on October 9th. Steve addressed the issue with both the offender and the resident. Steve states that drivers are not yielding before merging near Moran Park. He feels at this time a sign is not necessary at this time, but will continue to monitor.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Mayor Attarian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Steve seconded. Passed unanimously.