

**CITY OF SKYLINE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2015**

**Present:** Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Dean Rengstorf, Samantha Erickson, Hans Schwanke; Retired Fire Chief Roger Hermanson

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Addition to add new business – Verizon Contract Lease amendment. Motion to approve minutes with addition to new business, Samantha Erickson, Hans Schwanke, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

**15-Minute Public Open Forum** – no forum.

**City Clerk's Report** – Thank you to Samantha Erickson for taking minutes again last month. Cathy Dahl reported that a resident used the City of Skyline Facebook page to request renting city hall. It was explained that Wayne Bishop is in charge of city hall and all requests go through him. Information to that affect is also posted on the Facebook page now and pinned at the top. If anyone wants to post info on the page feel free to do so, or tell Cathy and she'll post it there for you.

Certified letter to 134 S. Skyline about overdue utility bills was returned unsigned. Cathy didn't see a copy of the report from last month to see if any new letters were to be sent out. Lon Whitehead can check Blue Earth County website to see if former bills on property taxes were paid.

Cathy would like to try for the fire department photo on Saturday, October 24, at 10:00AM. Photo outside by truck weather permitting and serve coffee and cookies (provided by me) in city hall afterwards. I will mail a postcard out to all residents about this Friday.

**City Treasurer's Report** – Lon Whitehead reported for September. A Locksmith bill for three padlocks was signed for by Mark Weber. Lon had printouts of income and expenditures year-to-date for council members to review before budgeting for 2016. Everything is very similar to this date a year ago. Lon compared our water and sewer rates with comparable cities and Skyline is not out of line. It would bring in more revenue to raise water rate by \$.10 instead of raising minimum. This will be discussed more later.

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Water Department** – Mayor Javens asked Samantha Erickson where he can get a report of how much water usage city had in 2014 and amount per residence. City needs to do a hard analysis of what Skyline is using. Minimum charge is for 10 units. Money needs to be raised every year because of the amount we have to pay the City of Mankato. Samantha can find info or Lon Whitehead may have it on hand from the audit. City is not collecting enough to cover what is paid to Mankato. Samantha reported McQuire said interior painting of water tower \$32,000, \$31 – 33,000 for outside. Needs an OSHA approved screen and overflow expense prices on request. Safety upgrades need a cable style safety climb and roof ladder needs to be seal welded to the roof installed for \$6-7300. Samantha will send copy to Mayor Javens. Samantha’s neighbor had colored water coming from their pipes and wondered if any other residents had issues. Flushing of water lines needs to happen before it gets too cold.

**Street Department** - Dean Rengstorf reported boulevard work was happening by Center Point Energy. He got permit and check in the mail.

**Parks & Playgrounds Department** - Wayne Bishop absent.

**Public Safety Department** – Hans Schwanke reported someone was still complaining about recycling being blown around. He will email LJP again about slowing down and being more careful.

He is waiting until next month before starting the home inspections for compliance to plumbing issues regarding not pumping water into city sewer system.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MN Pollution Control Agency – MS4 – Skyline City Code for Storm Water Management - nothing new. We have about one more year to have everything in place.

Fire truck and equipment – Mayor still working on equipment list.

Animal ordinance – Wayne Bishop talked with Mayor about wanting bees included in ordinance. Mayor took St. Paul’s ordinance as an example and revised it to fit Skyline. Dean Rengstorf thought bees should only be allowed on outside lots. People within a certain distance have to sign off on allowing bees. Samantha Erickson suggested a blanket statement of taking things case by case in the future and residents can apply for a variance. Mayor Javens grew up around honey bees and said they are very docile and most people do not understand that. Dog guidelines will be changed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Verizon Contract Lease amendment – Ken White has already looked it over and has no issues with it. They came up with a different way to attach antennae because the original way to attach to legs wasn’t going to work. Samantha Erickson thought we need to be sure they sign off on

structure change. Mayor Javens will send back and say council will not approve without an additional structural approval.

Unpaid utilities/water bill for 134 S. Skyline Drive – discussion to put on property taxes now or next year. Samantha Erickson said send to property taxes now.

\$428.83, amount owed for water/utility bills to City of Skyline from residents at 134 S. Skyline Drive; City of Skyline will assess this amount to be paid along with property taxes in 2016, motion to approve, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

All Seasons Arena Board Meeting – N. Mankato council meeting came up with a preliminary draft plan to build a new indoor sport facility at Caswell Park in 3 stages. 1- indoor sheet of ice, 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet of ice, 3, swimming pool. Large expenditure – approx. \$20 million. ASA board needed to be contacted about this and were not. But plan was shot down by N. Mankato City Council. People are coming to ASA all the time looking for funding for new projects.

Dean Rengstorf discussed the possible water tower replacement. If a new tower is built, where would it go? Mayor Javens thought about in the park, next to pump house, park by Eckert’s, or see if cemetery would sell some land. If a new tower is built, City could leave antennas where they are. Samantha Erickson thought moving all the pipes would be a large expense but Mayor Javens said running new pipes would not be a big problem.

Skyline Coop Association has not had a meeting for last year yet, and they should be taking care of concerns about homes in disrepair in Skyline. City has received a complaint, and since the coop hasn’t met, clerk was asked to write a letter to 21 Skyline Drive to remind him about articles of exterior maintenance in Coop rules on behalf of the Coop. 57 Skyline Drive unmoved/unlicensed van is still sitting there – another letter will be sent.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Cathy Dahl  
Skyline City Clerk

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