# CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

# **September 12, 2016**

**Present:** Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Wayne Bishop, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes and agenda. Motion, Samantha Erickson, Dean Rengstorf, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

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

**City Clerk's Report** – Cathy Dahl apologized and reported she has not had time to mail letters to non-compliant residents yet and has not yet turned over overdue water/sewer bills to county. Clerk asked if the penalty fee should start October 1 instead of September 1 since notices weren't sent yet. Unsure what the status of 118 S. Skyline Drive is as far as being compliant. Clerk will check with Hans Schwanke. Clerk will alter date to October 1<sup>st</sup> for starting penalty.

In previous letters sent to non-compliant residents, they were told a \$100 fine would be charged until their system is compliant.

Your residence has been found to be non-compliant with section 1.31, subdivision 4, Part C, of Ordinance No. 15-01, Skyline City Code, stating that the property maintains a proper sump pump connection. This residence is required to have the connection completed by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The resident must send an invoice along with a signature of the company performing the completion. If this property is not compliant by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the City of Skyline will assess the residence \$100.00 a month until the system is compliant.

Because no penalty has been imposed yet, it will be \$200.

A resident called to say they had work done in time to be compliant and we could call her plumber to verify. I left a message telling her we need a copy of the invoice or something signed by her plumber mailed to the city as soon as possible.

Jason Hamond contacted city clerk to see if any candidates were needed for city council. He wanted to be sure we had a full slate, which was very considerate of him, but it was after the deadline for filing. I asked him to keep running for office in mind for 2018. Clerk asked if it's time for the city to consider a new computer and possibly a printer that has working wireless. Current computer is getting quite old. It works and can wait, but it is getting quite slow. Council decided to keep current computer and try defragging it.

Clerk has the top-left filing-cabinet drawer sorted into big green folders now for easier sorting.

Someone called about 136 S. Skyline renting out basement again and the renters left after realizing how bad the situation was and homeowner is refusing to give them money back. I left a message with them that she does not have a rental license, renting is not allowed in Skyline, but the city cannot get involved with the situation. It is between the renter and homeowner.

Clerk needs to send minutes pdf to Lon Whitehead.

**City Treasurer's Report** – Lon Whitehead reported for August. No overdue water/sewer bills. Assessments and interest were collected from sale of 19 Skyline Dr. Another house sold that will have assessments paid off. There is a payable to Mark Weber for water department assorted small receipts. Prepaid assessments are to be sent in once a year in February.

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

# **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Water Department** – Samantha Erickson reported Brian Powers told her tower was cleaned and all is good. Between 103 S. Skyline and 228 W. Skyline Court there's quite a bit of water. Brian wondered if they need a French drain. Not a city issue. Brian wondered why sprinklers were going in the rain. He wondered if rain detector is faulty. Detector only works if it is raining at exact time they turn on.

**Street Department** - Dean Rengstorf reported a resident is putting up a fence along street going to water tower. City only owns 20 feet for driveway and residents can put fences up if they wish.

He checked on striping on streets but call wasn't returned. Samantha Erickson asked if striping could start by her house to the park – yellow stripe down the middle to keep people on their own side. People continue to drive wrong way around park. Dean will look into getting more one-way signs. Resident at 101 S. Skyline has eyesore equipment in yard and driveway.

**Parks & Playgrounds Department** - Wayne Bishop reported no wasps in the park. He still needs to set up quarterly bug spray of city hall. He will get estimates from Plunkett and Orkin. Wayne asked about heat in garage over winter. He will turn it down to 50 degrees. Lon Whitehead posted a pdf to city website of what's available in city hall. Clerk and council members can refer callers to city web site.

Wayne will talk to AmLawn about leaving tracks all over the park last time they mowed. They mowed in standing water. He may seek multiple bids when contract is ending. Mayor Javens and Wayne Bishop discussed City buying its own mower and hiring the work out.

City has \$1500 available from Skyline Coop Association for park bench and upgrades. Wayne found aluminum park bench for \$375.00 that has 4 posts to mount in concrete. 2 posts may be preferred. He will continue looking. He will look into upgrades that can be done in park.

### **Public Safety Department** – Hans Schwanke absent.

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.

#### **New Business**

Preliminary 2017 property tax levy – motion to keep preliminary tax levy at 3%, same as preliminary tax levy in 2016. Discussion - Lon mentioned increase of police/fire costs to city of Mankato. Sam motion for preliminary tax levy for 2017 of 3% for a total levy of \$51,654.50, Wayne,  $2^{nd}$ . Passed unanimously.

Wayne Bishop has attended long-range planning meetings of Mankato area sewage treatment plant. The planning committee contacted Mayor Javens to see if Skyline City Council wants an engineer to come to a council meeting to answer questions. Consensus is that someone coming to a meeting is not needed.

911 was called by a resident when someone was walking through their garage. It turned out to be a person from the group home who got out on his own.

Motion to adjourn, Dean Rengstorf, Wayne Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

Cathy Dahl
Skyline City Clerk

Mayor date

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

City Clerk

date