

**CITY OF SKYLINE**  
**AGENDA: CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 12, 2012**

**Present:** Mayor Mike Kluck; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Council Members Samantha Erickson, Travis Javens, Dean Rengstorf, Rebecca Carpenter; Roger Hermanson; City Attorney Ken White.

Call Meeting to Order 6:45 PM  
Pledge of Allegiance

15-Minute Public Open Forum

Will Dallenbach here to discuss sale of his mother's house. Wondering about access to back of the lot from the alley to add garage to the back. Travis states that the city owns that property but it is not a public right of way. We would have to grant an easement for that portion of the lot to be used as a public right of way and would have to allow all resident of Skyline permission. Or is there a way to grant it open only to the people that abut the alley? The council feels favorable to working with a potential home buyer.

Will's family would also like to donate a picnic table that just needs some resurfacing. Council needs to look at it and call Will to let him know 385-1999

Approval of Agenda – Travis Javens approved, Dean Rengstorf, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Dean Rengstorf approved, Rebecca Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

City Clerk's Report - The mayor scrapbook is complete and on the table for you to look at and verify dates are correct.

Clerk received the abstract from the election showing how many residents voted. It will be in the file cabinet. If you would like to see it, let Cathy Dahl know. Congratulations and thank you to our new mayor and returning council members!

Mike Kluck and Cathy Dahl went to the mayors/clerks meeting. They had a discussion on emergency preparedness and there are lots of things Skyline may want to consider doing to be ready for a crisis situation. The paperwork they handed out is on the table.

Mike says there is a hazard mitigation meeting this Thursday. Emergency management: Roger Hermanson says we would have to ask Mankato to use their hydrant in the case of no power in Skyline. Dean Rengstorf, motion to approve, Travis Javens, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

City Treasurer's Report – Mike Kluck asked again why there is a difference in what the three phone companies pay. We have two of the contracts. Sprint was the first contract which may be why they are paying less. Atty. Ken White says we are in a contract with Sprint started in 2000 with renewals every 5 years. We can negotiate at any time.

There is a bill for a replacement of a water meter at Ramy house and meter needs to be billed. The council feels that we need to bill the resident for the Spear bill as well due to the meter being faulty from negligence (they froze it).

Roger Hermanson and Samantha Erickson need to get number of events to Lon Whitehead for payment soon.

Andy Johnson bought Sherry Schumberg's home at 1716 Woodland Avenue. There was a remaining assessment. Sherry talked to Blue Earth County and says they can split the remaining balance. Sherry wrote out a check. Andy is thinking that he would pay the remaining or he could continue the payments. The council voted 3 to 2 in favor of allowing the remaining balance to go to the new buyer. The city has a right to demand payment at sale. Usually the bank does not allow the transfer because they become second on the list for payment after transfer of sale.

Approval of treasurer's report, Rebecca Carpenter motioned, Samantha Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Water Department -Samantha Erickson had to leave early. No report.

Street Department - Dean Rengstorf reported still working on striping prices, probably will not happen until spring.

Parks & Playgrounds Department - Travis Javens reported working on prices for mop bucket plumbing.

Public Safety Department – Rebecca Carpenter had nothing to report.

Roger Hermanson, Fire Dept update.

#### OLD BUSINESS

2013 budget

Further discussion of setting up City of Skyline guidelines for realtors, contractors and residents and status of Skyline Cooperative Association

Setting up regular cleaning for city hall.

Traffic issues – Stop signs, yield signs, hire police/sheriff?

AT&T proposal / Sprint proposal – Atty. Ken White reports that AT & T does not want to change the language to what we have proposed. We have not heard back from them since. Sprint does not want to change any payment information; they just want permission to make changes on the tower. If they are going from 3 to 5 antennas, do we require an increase? Mike Kluck would like to respond to Sprint with a request to increase payment with the increase in equipment. Ken White suggests they also have to pay for rail replacement as the metal clamps have been damaging the metal rail. Spot repairs?

Ken suggests that we talk to all three companies regarding the limited space on the tower and one company's changes could interfere with the other two. It costs about a million dollars to put up a new pole. The three companies all have a right of quiet enjoyment as stated in their contracts.

Property lien ordinance /shutting off water for unpaid bills.

City Atty. Ken White says we can do:

1. Split our two parts of the bill
2. Order the payments (water before garbage)
3. Apply the cold weather rule
4. Put balance of overdue bill onto the property taxes.

Ken White will be drafting an ordinance with a public hearing to take place at the January Meeting.

Right of way ordinance to hold companies accountable for digging in cables.

Discussion was held, it was recommended to have a form published on the web site and inform all utility companies of form that needs to be filled out and on file with the clerk before work is to begin.

## NEW BUSINESS

Gena Zelenka – Starting a monthly Skyline Book Club meeting at City Hall. The council would have to decide a price for the rental. She did not attend so no decision was made.

Paul Vogel, Community Development Director from Mankato to discuss Skyline involvement in Metropolitan Planning Organization

-Mayor Kluck signed, Travis Javens will attend meetings.

LJP co-mingled recycling cart available for additional 87 cents per month per household.

-Discussion was held. Decided at this time to remain with the process we have.

City Attorney Ken White present at the meeting. Asked him about Will Dallenbach's driveway question. Ken White made three points:

1. It is gravel and it will stay that way
2. That is not plowed as well or often as the streets
3. With that much traffic we may have more expense to maintain it.

Travis brought up the plat and that we would need to ensure future use by granting an easement. Ken's suggestion is to grant permission on an individual basis at the expense of the resident. Concerns- they may lose access occasionally when maintenance is done on the tower, risk of vehicle hitting the tower, does the city want to do anything in the future with the property?

Meeting adjourned 9:36

Submitted for Cathy Dahl  
Skyline City Council