

## CITY OF SKYLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**July 9, 2018**

**Present:** Mayor Travis Javens; Treasurer Lon Whitehead; Clerk, Cathy Dahl; Council Members, Dean Rengstorf, Wayne Bishop, Mary Dowd; Residents, Russ Dahl, Terri & Darrel Evers, Shirley Piepho, Kathy Whitehead, David Lloyd, Dave & Jane Schostag, Darrel & Mary Jane Rockow, Paige Attarian, Rebecca Carpenter, Chris Heimer

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of agenda and minutes. Motion to approve, Wayne Bishop, Dean Rengstorf, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

**15-Minute Public Open Forum** – Terri Evers thanked council for cleaning tile line behind homes. It made a big difference with the spring rains. Brian Powers should have information on whether or not tile lines were found to have breaks.

Residents from W. Skyline Court were questioning the placement of boulders in the cul-de-sac. They feel this is not good for beautification of Skyline. They are afraid that the snowplow will stay away from park because of the boulder resulting in snow pushed into their drives instead of park. Also concerned about drivers sliding into boulders in the winter when the snow piles up. Dean Rengstorf explained the reason is that people continually drive off the road and break the pavement off the edges of the road. Dean asked for alternate solutions.

It was suggested the coop members go and speak to residents of cul-de-sacs.

One resident offered to fill in dirt on a weekly basis if people have driven off road.

Another said the amount the city would save from road erosion would be less than the cost of replacing bumpers.

Dean said chip stone would hold better than dirt.

Wayne Bishop explained he has asked repeatedly to have snowplows put the snow in parks instead of driveways. There are many drivers and they don't always know.

Darrel Evers wondered if rocks would be a problem with the fire department getting hoses to houses.

Mary Dowd said the council will look into alternatives.

Three residents commented on city hall rental and wondered if there is a policy governing rental of city hall. Wayne Bishop said not currently. Discussion ensued. They would like a committee formed to draft a rental policy for city hall. This will be considered.

Another resident has an issue with a neighbor blocking their driveway and problems with their dogs. Dogs are loose in backyard but gone when police arrive.

Lon Whitehead suggested putting something in newsletter about being considerate when parking.

Wayne was asked if tennis court was locked up – only in winter.

**City Clerk's Report** – Cathy Dahl reported she has all information and forms for upcoming election. 2 council seats and mayor position are up for election. Mayor is a 2-year term, Council member 4 years.

\$2 fee. Clerk has all forms. Affidavit of candidacy and a form to say you won't spend more than \$750 on your campaign. If you want to spend more, clerk will have to get another form. Also a form if you have a name that is difficult to say. And there are booklets explaining everything. Filing dates start July 31<sup>st</sup> and end at 5PM precisely on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

City clerk gave notice that she is retiring at the end of the year.

**City Treasurer's Report** – Lon Whitehead reported for June, 2018. LJP bill is higher because of spring clean-up. Lon asked for receipts from the credit card. One bill was for tennis court net and one was water department. We still have Wells Fargo checking account open to pay credit card bill. It may be necessary to transfer funds to that account at some point.

City of Mankato bill was for waste water treatment.

MN Association of small cities mailing – we haven't been a member and won't be.

Storm Water Coalition – Mayor Javens will ask MS4 coordinator about the need to be a member of this.

List of 90 days overdue water/utilities has grown. City clerk will send out letters to residents along with automatic payment forms. Several are people who haven't been on list before. In August, letters will be sent out to give notice they need to have a hearing with council or it goes to their property taxes.

Safe deposit box drilling – Wells Fargo didn't know how to do it. Lon had to fill out more paperwork proving we were a government entity. Took about 7 hours. They found multiple boxes with the same number. It was empty. He closed the safe deposit box. Last person in it was Willard Vetter in 1998.

Approval of clerk and treasurer's report and to pay bills as presented, motion, Wayne Bishop, Mary Dowd, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Water Department** – Samantha Erickson absent. Wayne Bishop said Brian Powers thinks we need to change the chlorine tank. Wayne will work with him on that.

**Street Department** - Dean Rengstorf reported with all the rain, work has been delayed. He spoke with Dustin and hopes to get French drains taken care of Thursday. He will check on alternatives to boulders in W. Skyline cul-de-sac. Charter did not apply for a permit when doing recent work. This will be addressed. Mayor Javens will get Dean the contact for the contractor who did the work. Mary Dowd asked if we could get a new solar light for the welcome to skyline sign.

Resident asked if welcome sign could be moved to right where Skyline starts. Dean said Dustin Samuelson placed the welcome sign. Resident would have to give permission to place on left side of road. Dean said there was a lot of research that went into placing sign in current location. He will ask Dustin about cost of moving it and new placement.

**Parks & Playgrounds Department** - Wayne Bishop reported weeds in the park and bases – he tried to get volunteers with no luck so he called AmLawn to take care of it. It will be done for \$35 an hour within the week. Bases will be picked up and new aglime placed.

Wayne created spreadsheets with everyone's city hall rental fees and dates. It more than pays for expenses. Individuals renting hall is minimal. Wayne will make copies of spreadsheets for anyone interested. He will be changing how he does calendar.

Mary Dowd asked when committee should be started. Wayne will work on this.

Cathy Dahl commented and thanked Wayne for his service to the city.

**Public Safety Department** – Mary Dowd reported on night to unite. They're trying to get police and fire fighter presence for it. It will be in newsletter. New directory will be coming out soon.

Coop has been good about helping with funding night to unite. There will be fun prizes. Kid's movie at dusk had a nice sound system. Wayne Bishop and Erik Manske worked on that. It could be heard everywhere in the park. Wayne suggested everyone around the park should be consulted about the noise. Night to Unite will be on the national night out date, not the date Mankato does theirs.

Mary asked for verification of items in newsletter. She will add water report info available at city hall or from clerk to newsletter.

Dean Rengstorf asked Mary to add barking dog suggestions to newsletter. Mayor Javens suggested cutting and pasting from the animal ordinance.

Resident asked about placing doggie doo bags on pole in city parks. Wayne Bishop said ordinance states residents need their own.

### OLD BUSINESS

Water tower repair – nothing new

### NEW BUSINESS

Use of city hall tables outside of city hall – Mary Dowd said Night to Unite group wanted to be able to use tables and chairs from city hall in park. Wayne Bishop said new chairs are not designed to be on grass. When city hall was redone, council chose to not have tables and chairs leave building anymore. Wayne said bottoms of table legs are prone to fall off if tables are up and down too often. Mary said it is a city related event, and wondered if this would be an authorized use. Council thinks it should be allowed.

It was restated that Wayne Bishop will look into forming a committee to look into city hall rental policy.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.