

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

COUNCIL ATTENDEES: Mayor Paige Attarian, Steve Romnes, Eric Manske, Shirley Piepho, Michelle Kotila

Guests: Bryan Petzel (ISG), Sabrina Ehmke, Mark Piepho, Wally Gates, Nancy Kluck

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg, Kelly Evans

Agenda:

- ❑ Meeting called to order by Mayor Attarian at 6:45 P.M.
- ❑ Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance
- ❑ Public Forum-Nothing for the public forum.
- ❑ Water Tower progress-Bryan Petzel (ISG) states that he has two items to discuss. First, change order #3 for the water tower. Second, has the council had any further discussion or decision about the water treatment project. Kelly Evans via Google Meet, states that the SCADA unit has not arrived. The manufacturer quotes a date and then fails to complete delivery. He is currently following up weekly about a timeline of when the city will see the unit. Kelly explained change order #3, the replacement of a pressure transducer within the plant. He states that the transducer will assist with the new water tower and will serve as a good backup when the water treatment plant is completely renovated in the future. He states that the transducer is also a great backup if the radio antenna on the tower fails. Eric made a motion to accept change order #3 and replacing the transducer, Steve seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Mayor Attarian asked Steve if he had information regarding a second wellhouse bid from WEB construction. Steve states that he just received it this morning and that he will forward the information onto Kelly and Bryan. The summary of the WEB bid was discussed, the bid will be reviewed closely by both Kelly and Bryan at a later time. Steve encouraged Kelly to contact WEB directly with questions and clarification. Mayor Attarian states that there will be a special meeting scheduled to discuss wellhouse project bids TBD.
- ❑ Approval of Agenda and Minutes-Shirley moved to approve the minutes, Michelle seconded, passed unanimously. Shirley requested to add two items to the agenda, first, 111 Skyline Drive and Skyline Cooperative. Items added. Michelle motioned to approve the agenda, Eric seconded, passed unanimously.
- ❑ City Clerk Report-Nothing to report.
- ❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon distributed the treasurer's report for March 2023. Total Payables for March 2023 are \$21,072.09(\$715.90 added one week later, Xcel bill), total receipts are \$23,759.80. Total fund

balances are \$1,085,911.01. Water tower project balance is \$512,776.97 . Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Eric, seconded by Steve, passed unanimously.

Lon confirmed that there will be a curbside Fall cleanup offered on September 23, 2023.

❑ Water and garbage bill list-Marnie will send reminder letters to residents whose accounts are over 90 days. Mayor Attarian states that notification to residents regarding water bills will be tabled for discussion until the May 2023 Council meeting due to a billing delay.

Departmental Reports

❑ Water Department-Steve states that 225 Skyline Court has some meter issues. Steve has a call in for repairs for that meter. He also states that 5 Skyline Drive meter stopped working. MRI was notified and completed the repairs. Charlie states that he feels there are a couple of new meters in the pump house. The meters that Eric purchased need slight modifications before they can be used. Steve will follow up with Jason to see about the new meter status. Charlie states that he will contact the meter distributor to see if he can make modifications to all of the meters at one time. Steve states that he is going to clean up in the pumphouse.

❑ Street Department-Mayor Attarian acknowledges that the streets are in great disrepair. Eric agrees and suggests that for now, spray patching appears to be the best solution. The cost of spray patching is approximately \$5000. Shirley Piepho inquired if Eric had communicated with the City of Mankato about assisting with some road repairs. She stated that she has reached out to Susan Arndt with the City of Mankato to see if when they purchase repair material, would it be possible for Skyline to partner with them. Eric explained that the product is not necessarily the issue, it is who would complete the work. Resident, Nancy Kluck, asked how long the patchwork would hold up? Eric explained that it is temporary, he has heard anywhere from 2-4 years, and that the ultimate goal will have to be to have the roads completely repaired in the near future. Eric explained that to mill down and repair sections of road is not cost effective. Steve asked instead of paying \$5000 for partial spray patch, a quote for a repair of all of the roads should be obtained. He suggested that partial repair will create issues with residents and future issues with unrepaired portions. Michelle suggested that the council wait to see how much one truckload for \$5000 will cover prior to committing to complete patch repair. Eric states that he is waiting to hear back from Allied Inc. out of Maple Grove for a more precise price. Eric states that he has had inquiries about street sweeping in Skyline. He states that he got a quote of \$190/hour at approximately 6 hours, the company is Summit Power Sweeping. Peter's striping gave a quote of \$620 to remove loose gravel and perform street clean up.

❑ Parks and Playground Department-Michelle states that she is going to call and get the porta potty delivered to Vetter Park, she states that she has been researching grant opportunities for park repair and

maintenance. She is going to follow up with Mankato Clinic and Mayo Clinic about local grant money. Michelle states that she spoke with Marnie Kortuem about a possible spring Skyline cleanup as was done in the past. This would be a couple of hours on a Saturday morning. Michelle brought up No Mow May and that Mankato has a sign up system, she did not feel that was necessary, but wondered if approval to participate in No Mow May needs to happen for people in Skyline to participate. Mayor Attarian states that if individuals would like to participate it is up to them. Michelle will contact AmLawn about a contract for mowing this season. Steve states that perhaps a message on the website should go out to see how residents feel about the shared green spaces being unmowed for the month of May. Eric commented that the garbage at Vetter Park was not unlocked and put out for pick up this week. Steve and Michelle will communicate to assure that garbage is picked up weekly going forward.

☐ Public Safety-Shirley states that she has had complaints about dogs running free in Skyline and from below the hill. Mayor Attarian states that a reminder message about containing your dog(s) should be placed on the website. Michelle states that the dog control may fall under the Skyline Cooperative guidelines.

Shirley thanks council members, especially Eric and Paige, along with residents for reaching out to state/local representatives regarding being added to the bond for funding. She states that there is still a heartbeat with the chances of Skyline receiving some bond funding from the state of MN. Shirley states that representatives were looking for clarification of the need for funding. Shirley states that water is a basic need within a city's infrastructure. Shirley addressed Mayor Attarian on how much funding was originally requested. Mayor Attarian states that the original request for funding was \$2.2 million. The original bonding bill did not pass. The new request was for approximately \$1.2 million for water treatment plant and road repair. Shirley states that even if half of this amount is received it would be great. Shirley also recommended that a follow up text next week to representatives would be prudent.

Old Business:

☐ Water treatment bid-This item was discussed earlier in the meeting. Please see the beginning of the minutes for information.

☐ Skyline Cooperative-Shirley clarified with Wally Gates, Skyline Cooperative that the Cooperative was active as of January 2023. Wally states that in order to become active you simply apply and pay a fee. Shirley also clarified that the Cooperative has the authority to enforce articles designed under the Cooperative. Wally confirmed that the Cooperative does enforce issues within Skyline that fall under the articles set forth by the Cooperative. The articles are listed in the directory, posted on the website under Skyline Cooperative and at the City Hall. Shirley asked who to contact if concerns under those articles arise. Wally states to contact the President, Jeff Ehmke. These concerns do not need to go through the city council first. Discussion regarding an ongoing complaint with multiple vehicles parked on the lawn and in

the driveway at 111 S. Skyline Drive. Shirley read the article in the Skyline Cooperative articles stating that vehicles may not be parked on a residents yard. She then states that the resident had been given a temporary respite due to snow and winter weather. Shirley also states that she is being an advocate for those that have stated concerns and live in that area. Steve and Michelle both state that their understanding after speaking with the resident, that she could remove a tree and pour concrete on her yard for parking. Now, according to the Cooperative articles, this is not possible. Both agree that this should have been explained to the resident while she was present. Shirley also states that the council cannot overstep the articles of the cooperative, by allowing the resident to pave her yard. Council members Steve, Michelle and Eric state that they are simply stating that the resident needs to be informed of the misinformation that she was giving at the January meeting that they attended. Wally Gates states that if she was given misinformation she should be informed as soon as possible. Wally will clarify with the resident. Steve states that the council should issue an apology for the wrong information. Mayor Attarian states that the resident should receive an official letter stating that her request to pave her yard falls under the Skyline Cooperative and not the Skyline City council. Wally clarified that the Skyline City council needs to inform the Skyline Cooperative president via email or letter that a formal communication needs to be relayed to the resident at 111 S. Skyline Drive.

☐ 111 S. Skyline Drive-This agenda item was discussed under the item of Skyline Cooperative. Please refer to the information located there.

New Business:

☐ Water tower change order #3-Discussed with ISG and Kelly Evans. Notes regarding this issue are located earlier in these minutes.

Mayor Attarian asks for a motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Shirley motioned to adjourn the meeting, Michelle seconded, and passed unanimously.