

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2024 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

COUNCIL ATTENDEES: Mayor Paige Attarian, Eric Manske, Michelle Kotila, Steve Romnes, Joanne Boettcher

Guests: Janet Nelson(Cooperative)

Via Google Meet: Nancy Kluck, Charlie Berg, Micki Schaffer, Joanne Boettcher

Agenda:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Attarian at 6:45 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance
- Public Forum-Joanne Boettcher states that she came upon a grant specifically for small cities from MPCA and felt that the funds could be used for planning for prevention of any incidents caused by environmental changes. Joanne states that she would be willing to pursue the grant funds.
- Pump House Project Update-The project is to be completed by December 15th. The wrong pump was ordered and the water tower has to be filled manually until the proper pump is in place.
- Monopole Project Update-No updates at this time.
- Skyline Cooperative-The treasurer position is still not filled at this time. The Cooperative is in the process of pursuing an EIN. Janet is working on the newsletter that should go out with information regarding the recycled bench program. Eric states that he has accumulated a ton of plastic bubble wrap and it is stored in the City Hall garage ready for donation. The product can be donated at the Cub Food Stores and Hy Vee Stores in Mankato.
- Approve Agenda and Minutes-Michelle motioned to approve the December agenda with additions and the November minutes, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.
- City Clerk Report-Water bill accounts over 90 days were sent to Blue Earth County on 12-2-24 to be added to 2025 property taxes.
- City Treasurer Report-Paige Attarian is acting as city treasurer in Lon Whitehead. Total receipts for November 2024 at \$36,896.03, total payables for November 2024 \$139,173.32. Total fund balances are \$66,738.97. Michelle motioned to approve the treasurer report and to pay the bills, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Water and garbage bill list-List was not obtained for the month of December. Noone >90 days as of December 2. Marnie requested an aging report on 12/2/2024

Departmental Reports

- ❑ Water Department-Nothing to report. Steve is absent.
- ❑ Street Department-Eric placed reflective stakes around the parks.
- ❑ Parks and Playground Department-Michelle has nothing to report other than she is monitoring wasps throughout the dormant months.
- ❑ Public Safety-Nothing to report. Shirley is absent.

Old Business:

New Business:

-Payment 11 for \$128,383.00 for the Water Treatment Improvements project. Eric motioned to pay WEB construction for payment 11, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.

-Solar Panels-Eric was contacted by a company, Cedar Creek, interested in adding solar panels to the roof of the city hall. The representative is going to prepare additional information and send it to Eric. Initial estimates would have the solar panels drawing up to half of the necessary wattage to run the hall. With grant funding, it is estimated to take 2-3 years to pay for the panels.

-Wage Increases-The council members have not received wage increases since 2006. Mayor Attarian is proposing a 10% increase for all employees. The treasurer and the clerk would take effect for 2024, the council would be moving forward as the wage increase must be determined prior to election. A salary for the mayor starting 2025 is \$1884 and salary for each council member starting 2025 is \$1020. Salary for the city clerk starting in 2025 is \$2,772. Salary for the City Treasurer starting in 2025 is \$3,927. Michelle motioned to accept the wage increase, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.

-Budget Review-Council reviewed the budget that Mayor Attarian prepared. Michelle motioned to accept the 2025 budget, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.

-Election expenses-Eric motioned to accept the payment of election expenses, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Attarian requested a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm, Michelle motioned to adjourn, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.