

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

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

Guests: Bryan Petzel (ISG), Nancy Kluck, Kelly Evans

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg

Agenda:

- ❑ Meeting called to order by interim Mayor Steve Romnes
- ❑ Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance
- ❑ Public Forum-No one present for public forum discussion.
- ❑ Water Tower Update-Bryan states that they are still waiting on SCADA control boards. Kelly states that he received an email that it may be ready by the end of March 2023. Once received the project can move forward with completion.
- ❑ Wellhouse Project Update-Bryan reported that there was one bidder, Beemer Companies, their bid was a base bid of \$767,400, bid alternate \$82,000, bid alternate 2 \$92,350. Bryan states that Beemer states that the increase in the bid price from 2022 is due to inflation costs for labor and parts. Steve Romnes states that the City of Skyline has 60 days to accept the bid. Kelly Evans states that the 2020 estimate for the project was \$262,000, this did not include HVAC and was only a partial replacement. Bryan states that the contractor would consider discussion with the City of Skyline about excluding certain options that are not an absolute necessity at this time. Kelly states that he does not have any information about when well #2 was replaced and that it is currently running efficiently so perhaps that is a potential cost savings. Steve Romnes is going to speak with Brian Powers to find out when well #2 was replaced.
- ❑ Meeting Agenda and Minutes-Michelle motioned to approve the agenda and meeting minutes, Eric seconded, passed unanimously.
- ❑ City Clerk Report-Marnie states that she received a template from the City of Mankato for residents to appeal to our legislatures for funding.
- ❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon Whitehead, City Treasurer, was absent. He provided the council with the February Treasurer's report and water bill aging report. Total receipts for February \$23,734.63, total payables for February, the council approved up to but not over \$2000 for AmLawn services and up to but

not over \$1500 for Xcel because the bills have not been received. Total fund balance for February is \$1,074,504.03, water construction project balance is \$514784.22.

☐ Water and garbage bill list-Marnie will send reminder letters to residents owing over 90 days.

Departmental Reports

☐ Water Department-209 Skyline Court needs to have their wiring evaluated by Laketown Electric, 5 Skyline Drive and 224 W. Skyline Drive needs water meters replaced. Charlie states that meters will be read this upcoming week.

☐ Street Department-Eric states that he contacted Allied blacktop out of Maple Grove about blacktop repair. He is proposing that the roads be spray patched and sealed. Allied is proposing a cost of \$385,000 to properly repair all of the roads. Eric will stay in communication with Allied. He has not heard back from Nielson after 3 attempts. He states that he is moving on from their services. He also spoke with Frank from RCM, he is proposing a cost of approximately \$5000 to make minimally necessary repairs on the Skyline roads. Steve Romnes is proposing to evaluate the most needed repairs or highly traveled areas to keep costs down. Steve states that before moving forward the council waits for Mayor Attarian to return and review and then make a decision. Eric states that it is important that residents contact their legislatures to consider adding the Skyline project to their bonding bill, so that the City would receive additional funding from the states. Steve states that he will reach out to Senator Frentz.

☐ Parks and Playground Department-Michelle states she does not have anything to add at this time.

☐ Public Safety-Shirley states she does not have anything to add.

Old Business:

Skyline Cooperative-It does not appear that the Cooperative has not renewed its charter. Steve texted Wally Gates to find out where the Cooperative is in the renewal process.

New Business:

Bonding bill brought forth by council member, Shirley Piepho (item added prior to approving agenda)-This issue was discussed in the Streets department report. Council will encourage residents to reach out to House and Senate legislatures. The City of Skyline will add information to the website for residents to access.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 7:39 pm by Eric Manske, seconded by Michelle Kotila, passed unanimously.