

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 10th, 2023 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

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

Guests: Janet Nelson

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg

Agenda:

- ❑ Meeting called to order by Mayor Attarian at 6:45 p.m.
- ❑ Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance
- ❑ Public Forum-Janet Nelson, 53 Skyline addressed the council about a public safety issue that affected her family personally. She thanks Mayor Attarian and Shirley Piepho for their assistance. The issue is with individuals not stopping at stop signs, driving and parking on the wrong side of the roads, driving too fast. She is hoping that Mankato Police would be able to patrol the roads more often to help with these issues. Shirley states that she will call, but we do not pay public safety so it is difficult to enforce a schedule with them. Janet is asking for guidance on what to do if these issues continue. Mayor Attarian states that she can call non-emergency 911 and explain the situation. Her primary concern has been with the early morning newspaper delivery person. Her husband approached the individual and was charged with a restraining order. The order has been dropped after they appeared in court on the issue. She states that the newspaper is not doing anything to assist with the issue. Shirley states that she will attempt to contact the newspaper editor to discuss the concerns. She is concerned about kids riding their bikes in many directions and in the middle of the road. Ms. Nelson asked that perhaps a bicycle course could be offered for our youth during Night to Unite. She also asked if the city could paint STOP by the STOP sign and perhaps arrows on the road by the park indicating travel direction. Lon brought up an unkempt property at the corner of West Skyline Court and South Skyline Drive. There are brush piles and weeds taking over the property. It is difficult to see traffic approaching in that area and is a safety issue. Steve mentioned adding the use of proper lighting on bicycles and perhaps that can be a part of the potential bike training. Micki Schaffer states that there was an issue with no water today and she is curious what the proper process is for reporting these types of issues. Mayor Attarian states that the public can notify anyone on the council and the issue will be addressed. Nancy Kluck suggested that the website be updated with council members phone numbers and add instructions for procedures to follow if there is a water outage in the future.

Council members agree that information can be added. Marnie will add phone numbers of council members and instructions on what to do during a water outage. There is also a suggestion to update the website when the issue has been or will be resolved.

❑ Water Tower Project Update-Kelly Evans states that he has been told that everything is complete and the water will be turned on July 12th, 2023. He states that there has been a sticky valve and if that becomes an issue, they will leave both towers active until the valve issue is resolved. He states that hopefully the valve is not an issue. Kelly states that he spoke with Todd at WEB construction regarding the pump house project. He states that the difference in the first estimate and the second estimate that they gave was that the data that was given was inaccurate and the size pump necessary is larger than the pump that had been quoted. He states that pump on well number 1 has been replaced in the last few months. They will not need to replace that during construction. He states that should take \$60,000+ off the original bid. He states that WEB will be submitting the bid price for approval in the next few days. He states that the council can hold a special meeting to accept or decline the bid. Kelly states that the original bid was for a \$586,560 base bid, the bid then came back at \$767,000. Todd from WEB explains that when he gave the quote it was 60 days ago and some of the sub-contractor prices increased as well. Kelly states that he anticipates that the bid will come in under \$700,000 when it comes in over the next few days. Mayor Attarian asked what the timeline for project completion will be. Kelly states that he does not have that information at this time. He states that he will email the timeline to Mayor Attarian when he finds the information.

❑ Pumphouse Project Update-Discussed in conjunction with the water tower update. See notes above.

❑ Approve Agenda and Minutes

❑ City Clerk Report-City Clerk is not present. Nothing to report.

❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon provided the council with a copy of the treasurer's report. Total receipts for the month of June 2023 are \$38,106.87, total payables for the month of June 2023 are \$197,753.97. Total fund balance is \$1,096,747.98. The balance of the funds for the Water Tower/Pump House project are \$547,412.06.

❑ Water and garbage bill list-Lon distributed the A/R aging report for water bills. Marnie will send reminder letters to those residents that are over 90 days old. Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills made by Michelle Kotila, seconded by Shirley Piepho. Passed unanimously.

Departmental Reports

❑ Water Department-Steve states that a clearer system should be put in place for reporting water outage. The use of the website and establishing a chain of notification when there are water interruptions was discussed and agreed upon that would be a solution. Charlie Berg states that Dan Moore, from the meter distributor company will be in town on Wednesday, July 12th to reconfigure the meters purchased from the City of Wyoming. They will be used within the City of Skyline for replacements.

❑ Street Department-Eric states that he is planning on painting arrows on the newly paved roads at Vetter Park to indicate travel direction. Eric has inquired about adding lighting at the top of the water tower. The cost is approximately \$300. Further discussion will follow as more details arrive.

❑ Parks and Playground Department-Michelle states that all she has is that the ground wasps appear to be gone.

❑ Public Safety-Shirley states that with the streets being painted, safety risk to pedestrians will decrease. She is working on ordering reflective products from 3M to indicate road direction. She states that the Night to Unite will be in early August. They are planning for pizza and ice cream to be served to residents. Shirley is going to check with Public Safety about having a bike safety clinic.

Old Business:

New Business:

❑ Fidium Fiber by Consolidated Communications. Handout attached to the agenda. Marnie will be meeting with Anita Yokiel to discuss the project in detail, any additional information will be provided to the council and to residents.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Romnes, seconded by Michelle Kotilla at 7:37 p.m. Passed unanimously.