

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 13th, 2023 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

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

Guests: Bryan Petzel(ISG), Jennifer Wettergren

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg, Nancy Kluck, Otto Dingfelder, John Thames(Edge Consulting)

Agenda:

- ❑ Meeting called to order by Mayor Attarian at 6:45 pm
 - ❑ Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance.
 - ❑ Public Forum-Jennifer Wettergren has a concern about a letter that she received about reminding her that there is no rental in Skyline. She states that she is confused about what prompted the letter as she is not renting and has not rented. She is asking for a solution for parking as her family has multiple vehicles and she is not sure where they should park. She states that her children have been harassed about the situation and she wants that to stop. She states that she is concerned about that and would like to know what she needs to do. She states that she intends to look at options when the ground thaws this spring. Jennifer is requesting that the council approve allowing her to continue to park as they have been until she is able to create a solution that is more permanent. Eric states that he feels that she is doing all that she can at this time and as long as the cars are not on the street if plowing ensues. The council is seeking additional or overflow parking within the city to accommodate individuals with parking needs. Michelle Kotila clarified that it was okay for her to continue parking as they have until a permanent plan can be placed. All agreed that she is to continue as they have.
 - ❑ Water Tower update-The SCADA(Brains of the water tower) unit has not arrived so the new tower has not been activated. Brain states that by attempting to activate the new tower in the cold months may cause the potential for damaged or broken water pipes due to increased pressure. The wellhouse specs have been sent out for the council to review.
 - ❑ February Agenda and January Meeting Minutes, motion to accept made by Shirley, seconded by Steve, passed unanimously.
- Closed Session canceled at this time.**
- ❑ City Clerk Report-Marnie states that she has nothing to report from the clerk's office

- ❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon provided the council with a copy of the treasurer's report. Total receipts for January totalled \$10,579.35, total expenses for January totalled \$37,778.46. The total fund balance is \$1,088,588.87. The Water Tower project balance is \$537,462.47.
- ❑ Water and garbage bill list-Reviewed by council. Marnie will send overdue notices to all accounts over 90 days. Lon states that he received an application from MVAC for assistance with water bills to assist one of the residents to pay their water bill.

Departmental Reports

- ❑ Water Department-Steve states that a water meter was replaced at the Heimer residence. Eric was able to purchase 11 water meters from the city of Wyoming at the cost of \$59.33. They are typically approximately \$100/meter. Charlie asked if the other two meters had been replaced. Steve states that they have not. Charlie will resend the email stating the two other resident addresses. Steve states that he will follow up with the residents in need.
- ❑ Street Department-Eric states that he has been monitoring the new french drain to assure that it is flowing properly as the snow begins to melt.
- ❑ Parks and Playground Department-Michelle states that she does not have much at this time. She states that she is looking forward to needs in the spring. She states that the covering on the steps of the playground equipment is peeling and has become a trip hazard. She asked about having a drinking fountain at the park. Mayor Attarian states that they cannot because there cannot be a sewer within 50' of the wellhouse.
- ❑ Public Safety-Shirley states that she does not have anything. She has received a few calls about parking. She feels that this was covered in the public forum.

Old Business:

New Business:

Bryan updated the council about the progress for the Monopole. The carriers have proposed different heights of monopoles, 180' and 195'. The higher the pole, the more opportunity for expansion in the future. They are looking at both options and how the costs compare in order to stay within the budget allowed by the cell tower carriers. John Thames with Edge consulting states that preliminary FAA findings have occurred related to the project. Mr. Thames states that bids will have to be collected and submitted to review. He states that currently lease agreements will be reviewed. Mr. Thames states that at either 180' or 195' it would be limited to add a 4th carrier in the future, but that the 180' monopole will be adequate for the three current carriers. His recommendation is to move forward with the 180' monopole at this time so that the cost of the project stays within the agreed dollar amount of \$240,000. Mayor Attarian asked if it could be phrased that if the companies would like to have a 195' pole that they would be responsible for

the extra financial commitment. Mr. Thames states that it is better to commit to the 180' pole so that the city is well within the financial agreement and serves the city's needs. The goal is to have the monopole completely paid for so that the City of Skyline is not responsible for any dollar amount. Mayor Attarian asked for a motion to contingently activate Edge Consulting to manage the monopole construction and negotiations, Shirley seconded, passed unanimously.

Set date for bidding via resolution for treatment plant improvements-Bryan states that the bid letting will be scheduled for March 9th, 2023 at 10:00 am. December 15, 2023 is proposed as the completion date for the Wellhouse project. Mayor Attarian asked for a motion to adopt resolution 2023-1 to move forward with water treatment plant improvements by approving plans, specifications, form of contract and Engineer's Estimate of cost and ordering advertisement for bids. Shirley moved to approve the resolution, Steve seconded, and passed unanimously.

Skyline Cooperative-Shirley requested that a representative of the Cooperative present at the council meeting upon request. She feels that many residents do not know the function of the Cooperative. Mayor Attarian suggests that a request should be made for requested attendance.

Mayor Attarian asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm, motioned by Shirley Piepho, seconded by Steve Romnes, passed unanimously.