

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 15th(Postponed due to observation on October 14th), 2024/

6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

COUNCIL ATTENDEES: Acting Mayor Steve Romnes, Lon Whitehead, Shirley Piepho, Eric Manske

Guests: Janet Nelson(Cooperative), Laura Marsala, Nancy Kluck, Marilyn Schuenmann, Kelly McIntee

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg

Agenda

- ❑ Meeting call to order by Acting Mayor Steve Romnes at 6:45 pm
- ❑ Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance
- ❑ Public Forum-Laura Marsala is asking what date is indicated on the contract to have lawns restored. Steve states that the contract will be reviewed when Mayor Attarian returns to see what date the work is to be completed. Laura also states that she has concerns about General Contracting being in charge of lawn restoration and would like the council to consider discussion about this issue. Laura is also asking the council to consider a plan for erosion in the future, perhaps consulting an environmental engineer or an agency for mitigation. Shirley asked if the Boiling Water Notice was clear enough for residents to understand. Residents state that it was initially confusing, but the second notice was clear. Laura had concerns that resident's without email would not be informed. Steve states that he will stop by in person and notify each of them. Laura states that she and the other affected residents would like a sound timeline to be established with the City Council.
- ❑ Project Update-The pumphouse will have a valve added to the exterior of the building on Thursday, October 17th. The water will be off for approximately 6 hours starting at 9:00 am. A boiling water notice will go into effect until the water can be tested for bacteria. The test will occur 24 hours after the water is restored.
- ❑ Skyline Cooperative-Janet states that she does not have anything report other that the Skyline Cooperative with have a public meeting coming up in the next month or so.
- ❑ Approve Agenda and Minutes-October agenda approved. The council voted to amend the September minutes to read as follows: "City Treasurer's Report - Lon presented the council with the treasurer's report. August receipts were \$20,769.85. August payables were \$83,497.74. Shirley moved to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the bills. Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously."

- ❑ City Clerk Report-Marnie was absent. Minutes completed by her per recording. Marnie will be resigning on January 1, 2025. There was a discussion about how to proceed with finding a replacement for her position.
- ❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon presented the council with the treasurer's report. September receipts were \$23,448.95. September payables were \$12,555.64. Total fund balance is \$935,809.46. Total balance of the Water Tower/Pump House project fund is \$427,696.84. Shirley moved to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the bills, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.
- ❑ Water and garbage bill list-Marnie with send reminder letters to residents with balances over 90 days.

Departmental Reports

- ❑ Water Department-Steve states that he will be working with WEB construction and the sub-contractor on Thursday, October 17th to assure that everything with the valve replacement goes accordingly. Charlie Berg states that houses at 2, 63 - house meter reading pads removed for construction (#2, 2022; #63, 2019). 2 - lawn meter reading pad removed for construction Summer 2022. 12 - issues with the new lawn meter. Shirley states that the council considered an ordinance that states that water usage should be controlled through the ongoing drought. Laura Marsala states that she has a connection with the City of Mankato to get some guidance with this proposal.
- ❑ Street Department-Eric states that he does not have anything to report at this time.
- ❑ Parks and Playground Department-Continuing to try to get a hold of Quality Tree about the stump removal in Moran Park, as well as the charge for that tree removal, and trimming of the Oak trees come November.
- ❑ Public Safety-Laura Marsala states that dogs are off leash throughout the City of Skyline. Shirley states that there is a leash ordinance for the City of Skyline. Laura states that perhaps something should be posted so that residents and non-residents would be aware.

Old Business:

Yard restoration update-Steve states that he got a quote from JT Lawns for \$4786.00 to restore easement affected yards, as a backup bid to assure that the lawn's are restored to pre-construction state. The council is withholding a portion of the payment to General Construction, the water tower builder, until a timeline of restoration is determined. Steve states that he understands the frustration of the easement affected residents and assure that they are continuing to fulfill the obligation. Laura asked if the council will notify the easement resident when a definite date is determined.

Electrical update (line damage)-Steve states that he continues to work with Xcel on the line damage and restoration. Call before you dig was completed and the lines were marked, but the line boring company cut the line to the water tower. There was a temporary repair made to restore power to the water tower. Steve

continues to work with the contractor on a permanent fix. Once it is fixed, the fence can be replaced and landscaping completed.

New Business:

Nothing to report

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley motioned to adjourn at 7:31 pm, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.