

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2022 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

ATTENDEES: Mayor Attarian, Lon Whitehead, Jason Hammond, Steve Romnes, Eric Manske, Shirley Piepho, Marnie Kortuem (Clerk)

Guests: Nancy Kluck, Scott Schaffer, Kelly McIntee, PJ McIntee, Sabrina Ehmke, Laura Peterson

Via Google Meet: Charlie Berg

Agenda:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Attarian at 6:45 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance
 - Public Forum-Mayor Attarian addressed the resident's in attendance and asked if they had any concerns or questions regarding easements as we move forward with the water tower construction. Paige stated the hours that crews would be in place during construction. She stated that the residents would be given a schedule of what to expect during construction. Laura Peterson asked if there would be one point of contact for the resident's during the process. Mayor Attarian explained that there would be a site manager in place. Shirley explained that Kelly Evans would also be available to resolve issues as construction ensues. Mayor Attarian also states that she can be reached if concerns arise as well. Kelly McIntee states that they have small children and they would like to have some sort of privacy during construction. PJ McIntee states that they have concerns about safety and have concerns that the orange safety fence will not be adequate in providing safety. Shirley Piepho states that the workers will need fences up to provide parameters for the construction workers. Sabrina Ehmke asks if perhaps the chainlink fence that is in place now could be repurposed to provide safety for the residents. Scott Schaffer asked if all of the trees within the easement will have to be removed. Mayor Attarian states that all trees within the easement will need to be removed and per the contract, yards will need to be repaired and trees and shrubbery would be replaced to the best of their ability. Mayor Attarian states that the cost to repair and replace items in individual yards is budgeted into the current contract. Resident's express concerns about compaction of soil in their properties and the ability to plant vegetation in the

future. Shirley Piepho states that topsoil will be hauled in during the project by the contractor. Scott Schaffer asked about where his fence would be stored during construction. Mayor Attarian states that the contract states that it would be stored off site, she would find more details about where that off-site area would be. PJ McIntee states that an attorney that he spoke with advised him to ask what rent or compensation the residents would get for the use of their property. Eric states that he inquired with other area cities to see how they compensated individuals during large construction projects. Nancy Kluck suggested that the compensation be based on the amount of property taxes that the individuals pay and the portion of land that they cannot use during construction. Eric Manske states that he has prepared what percentage that compensation might be based on the percentage of property that would be inaccessible during construction. Steve Romnes encourages that resident's have to work to keep things positive and communication open. We need to understand that our neighbor's might be going through a great deal of inconvenience and we need to support them. Mayor Attarian states that she continues to work on finding funds to ease the costs of this project and that timing is positive for additional funds at this time, nothing is guaranteed at this point.

- ❑ Agenda and December meeting minutes motion to approve by Jason Hamond, second by Eric Manske, passed unanimously.
- ❑ City Clerk Report-Marnie states that she had an inquiry from a resident regarding possibly refurbishing the basketball court and hoop in Vetter park. Marnie states that she will get quotes for a hoop and court improvement. Council agreed to move forward with gathering costs for this project.
- ❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon provided the council with a treasurer's report. Total receipts for December 2021 was \$71,482.91. Total payables for the month of December 2021 Equal \$11,782.87.
- ❑ Water and garbage bill list reviewed. Marnie will send out letters to residents that have overdue amounts over 90 days.

Departmental Reports

- ❑ **Water Department-Jason Hammond presented updates to water issues within Skyline. He discussed the struggle in keeping the water flowing during the cold months with the antiquated equipment.**
- ❑ **Street Department-Eric states that he continues to assure that street repairs and maintenance is being completed in a timely fashion.**
- ❑ **Parks and Playground Department-ASA contract discussed. Mayor Attarian has concerns with the million dollar proposed improvements to the Arena. She wants to know what the City of Skyline would be fiscally responsible for if the proposal becomes reality. Shirley stated that the contract was an annual contract so improvements would not affect this contract.**
- ❑ **Public Safety-Shirley is working on updated the contract with Police and Fire for the City of Skyline. Shirley is looking at need and negotiations to make an agreement that is good for the City of Skyline. Jason Hamond asked if it would be possible to have fire services rather than police and fire. Shirley explains that she is looking into these options. Paige asked if the council is okay with dropping the police portion and keeping the fire portion of the services. Shirley would like to look into the Blue Earth Sheriff department to cover police issues to keep the cost down for police services. The city is currently paying \$34,000+ for the City of Skyline annually.**

Old Business:

New Business:

Appoint City Attorney. Motion to approve Ken White as City Attorney made by Mayor Attarian, Shirley Piepho motioned, Steve Romnes seconded. Passed unanimously.

Temporary Mayoral Duties-Eric Manske has agreed to take over mayoral duties if Mayor Attarian is absent.

Water Tower Funding progress. Motion to approve David Drown Associates for bond advising for the Water Tower by Jason Hamond, seconded by Eric Manske. Passed unanimously. Jason Hamond asked if it would be possible to borrow from the City of Skyline account if necessary for the initial payment until bonding and additional funding comes through. The council feels that is a feasible plan if necessary.

Motion to dismiss made by Jason Hamond at 8:33 pm, second by Eric Manske. Passed unanimously.

City of Skyline Treasurer's Report

For the Month of January 2022

Presented February 14, 2022

Receipts

AT&T (antennas)	2,500.00
TMobile (antennas)	3,526.40
Verizon (antennas)	1,738.91
Water/Garbage Receipts	1,293.01
Hall rent	40.00
B.E. County (2nd half 2021 property taxes)	889.96
Consolidated Communications (franchise fee)	160.84
Charter Communications (franchise fee)	564.01
Interest income	0.01

Total Receipts

10,713.14

Payables

AmLawn (snow removal)	1,727.50
Centerpoint Energy	212.83
Consolidated Communications (phone & wifi)	115.26
DPC Industries (Water Dept)	30.00
Gopher State One Call (annual fee)	50.00
I & S Group (water tower project engineering fees)	18,945.00
Laketown Electric Corp (water tower circulation Issue)	750.00
LJP Waste & Recycle	1,207.86
MN Public Facilities Auth (wastewater bond payment)	1,939.13
MN Waste Processing	816.06
Rowan Pepper (Cleaning city hall)	100.00
USPS (stamps)	58.00
Wells Fargo CC (Office supplies)	7.99
White Law Office (re: watertower project)	900.00
Xcel Energy	1,173.68

Subtotal

28,033.31

Total Payables

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Account Balances 1-31-22

Community Bank checking	11,711.93
Community Bank savings	391,659.54
Pioneer Bank	5,990.78
Wells Fargo checking	1,022.54

Total Fund Balances

410,384.79