

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 2024 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

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

Guests: Janet Nelson, Chris Heimer, Laura Marsala Peterson, Darlene Lee, Kelly McIntee

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: Darlene Lee regarding Skyline Parks. Ms. Lee thanked the council for their work with the water tower and pump house project. Ms. Lee is concerned about the overgrowth of trees in the green spaces within the City of Skyline. She is suggesting that the city hire an arborist to evaluate trees that should be trimmed or removed. Michelle Kotila states that she will reach out to tree specialists to get a quote/opinion. She also suggests that if trees are removed that a new tree should be planted. Shirley recommended calling the city of Mankato to see if they could possibly access the trees in Skyline.

Laura Marsala Peterson is inquiring on what progress is being made on restoring the yards that were affected by the water tower project. She would like to see progress, are there any updates? Mayor Attarian states that the equipment is to be moved by May 1st. Brian Petzel states that the cell phone companies have been instructed to have equipment removed by the May 1st deadline. Upon equipment removal, the General Contractor will start removal of the water tower as soon as the equipment is moved. Once the old tower is moved, then the General Contractor will begin yard restoration as soon as possible after removal of the old tower. Mayor Attarian states that the properties will be re-surveyed and then the city fencing will be replaced as soon as yard restoration begins. Laura requested that the affected residence be notified when seeding is going to begin so that she can be present upon reseeding. Laura as on behalf of Marilyn Schueneman, what are the financial implications for the residents. Mayor Attarian states that there is no financial obligation with the yard restoration. And, do the residents that are affected get to have input with the landscaping companies? Mayor Attarian states that the residents will have input. Kelly McIntee asked, what will the grace period be past May 1st before their penalties to the companies. Mayor Attarian

explained that Brian Petzel has been negotiating closely with the companies to assure that the deadlines are met and that penalties would be assessed.

Chris Heimer asked if the streets are swept annually or if it was just last year because of road work. Mayor Attarian states that she will follow up with Eric about the cost of sweeping. Steve Romnes states that he can help with the gravel removal.

❑ Pump House Project Update-Mayor Attarian states that it has come to her attention that the pumphouse is not climate controlled, it is heated, but not cooled. She is stating that a dehumidifier should be placed to prevent rusting of the new equipment. She also states that the main piece of equipment has not arrived yet.

❑ Monopole Project Update-AT&T will switch their equipment in the next 2-3 weeks, T-Mobile will follow them with the removal and reapplication of their equipment. Both to be completed by May 1st, 2024.

❑ Skyline Cooperative-Reminder that the Skyline Cooperation Meeting will be this Thursday, April 11th at the Skyline City Hall. Janet Nelson would like to thank everyone for another successful Easter Egg Hunt. Janet is encouraging everyone to attend the meeting on Thursday to listen, learn and maybe volunteer for projects within Skyline.

❑ Approve Agenda and Minutes-Steve motioned to accept the April Agenda and March Meeting Minutes, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.

❑ City Clerk Report-This is an election year. Marnie, City Clerk, asked council members what positions will be open this year to confirm which positions should be announced as vacant for 2025. Two council seats will be open and the Mayor position will also be open.

❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon provided everyone with a Treasurer's Report. Total Receipts for March are \$98,956.24, Total Payables are \$5967.08. The total fund balance is \$1,074,038.37, The balance of funds for the Water Tower project is \$570,426.70. Shirley motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay bills, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.

❑ Water and garbage bill list-Accounts over 90 days will be sent an overdue letter.

Departmental Reports

❑ Water Department-63 Skyline Drive needs some meter work, Steve has reached out to the resident and has not heard back from him. Mayor Attarian requested that Steve move her meters because they are located in/near a rose bush. He states that he can move them for her.

❑ Street Department-Eric is absent. He states that he installed a new, larger One Way sign near Vetter Park. He does not have anything else to report.

- ❑ Parks and Playground Department-Michelle states that she spoke with Mankato Landscapers about working with the residents on yard restoration. Michelle is looking into purchasing a toy bin for toys at Vetter Park. She states that she will get a Port-o-Potty placed in Vetter Park in the next couple of weeks.
- ❑ Public Safety-Shirley is going to get new No Parking signs for Vetter Park and have the replaced. Shirley is looking into the siren in Skyline and that it did not work properly in March. She has access to a grant opportunity through CenterPoint.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor Attarian asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve motioned to adjourn at 7:56 pm, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.