

City of Skyline

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 12th, 2024 / 6:45 PM / Skyline City Hall

(DATE REVISED DUE TO VETERANS DAY OBSERVATION)

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

Guests: Janet Nelson(Cooperative), Marilyn Schuenemann

Via Google Meet: Nancy Kluck

Agenda:

- ❑ Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Mayor Attarian
- ❑ Pledge of Allegiance performed by all in attendance
- ❑ Public Forum-Mayor Attarian enforced that the public forum will be limited to no more than 15 minutes. Nothing was brought forward during the public forum.
- ❑ Project Updates-Mayor Attarian states that she has been working with FEMA to attempt to achieve funding for damage that was incurred during the Spring 2024 flooding.
- ❑ Skyline Cooperative-Janet Nelson states that the Cooperative had their bi-annual meeting last Thursday, November 11th. Janet states that the cooperative was waiting on city approval for the welcome packet. The cooperative agreed to purchase a sign board to be used by the city and the cooperative to announce meetings and events within the City of Skyline. Janet states that there are 7 homes with delinquent cooperative dues. Kristi Powers resigned her position as cooperative treasurer. Janet Nelson will be the acting treasurer until the position is filled. Janet states that the cooperative is attempting to continue to assure that residents are keeping their yards clean and free of brush, trailers, etc. Janet states that residents have inquired about having benches in the parks for residents to sit down. Two individuals volunteered to run a program that would allow the City of Skyline to earn one free bench per year by saving 1,000 lbs of appropriate types of plastic. Janet Nelson has details regarding this program.
- ❑ Mayor Attarian added three items to the November agenda. Steve moved to approve the November agenda and October minutes, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.
- ❑ City Clerk Report-There is a new banner on the website with regards to not feeding the deer due to overpopulation and chronic wasting disease. The city clerk will be resigning on December 31st, 2024. The position will be advertised publicly.

❑ City Treasurer Report-Lon supplied the council and clerk with a treasurer's report for reference. October receipts are \$34,756.78, total payables for October are \$51,276.70 , total fund balances are \$957,164.59. The water tower/pump house construction project balance is \$395,510.84. Lon gave the council a list of salaried positions for 2024. He states that he will be out of town and would like to have checks for City of Skyline employees and council written prior to leaving at the end of November. He will cut the checks and he will deliver the checks to Mayor Attarian and she will deliver them at the December 2024 meeting. Shirley motioned to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the bills, Steve seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

❑ Water and garbage bill list-Marnie will mail out reminder to residents that are >90 days overdue. For those >90 days, they will receive a notice that their balance will be turned over to Blue Earth County on December 2, 2024.

Departmental Reports

❑ Water Department-Steve states that the first round of testing the water after the valve replacement has been conducted. The second round will take place tomorrow. The project has been completed. Once the water tests clean the boiling water notice will be lifted.

❑ Street Department-Eric states that gravel has been added to the water tower areas. It will be rolled out once the work is completed. Eric will speak to Dustin and ask him to pack the gravel before it freezes.

❑ Parks and Playground Department-Michelle states that the Port o Potty will be removed after the work has been completed at the pumphouse.

❑ Public Safety-Shirley states that she had a one complaint about a car squealing tires and speeding. Lon acknowledged that there is no light on the top of the monopole, but there is one on the water tower. The monopole is taller than the water tower. Paige states that she will follow up with the cell tower companies.

Old Business:

New Business:

-Xcel Franchise Fee-Council discussed and decided not to proceed with franchise fees in the City of Skyline.

-Pumphouse project payment #10-Council discussed and approved payment #10.

-Pumphouse project extension-Steve motioned to extend the pump house project, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.

-Cost of maintaining the hall(added at the time of the meeting)-Mayor Attarian proposed that the hall rental fee be increased to \$100 + \$100 deposit for non-resident, \$60 + \$100 deposit for residents. All renters are required to pay the \$100 deposit at the time of reservation. If cancellation is less than two weeks, the \$100 deposit check will be cashed and kept by the City of Skyline.

-Feeding the deer(added at the time of the meeting)-A banner with instructions has been added to the City of Skyline website.

-Property Tax increase(added at the time of the meeting)-Motion to increase property taxes by 10%, Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Romnes at 8:08 pm, Michelle seconded. Passed unanimously.