

October 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sleepy Eye was held in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street East, Sleepy Eye, MN at 7 pm on the 11th day of October, 2016 per due call and notice. Mayor James Broich and Councilors Zinniel, Stevermer, Schmidt, Schieffert and Hirschboeck were present. Also present were City Manager Kober, PUC Director Bob Elston, City Engineer Palm, City Clerk Tiedeken, Police Chief Andres and City Attorney Fischer.

Councilor Stevermer moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 regular meeting and the September 13 and 27, 2016 special meetings. Council Zinniel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Broich made the proclamation that the week of October 3 thru 7, 2016 shall be observed as Minnesota Manufacturers/ Technology Week. They will be honoring Sensory Effects as the Manufacturer/ Technology Industry of the Year 2016.

Mayor Broich called for a special council meeting on Friday, October 14, 2016 at noon to review 1<sup>st</sup> packet Event Center Bids.

Manager Kober presented the following demolition bids for the house located at 829 Walnut Street SW:

- A. Heiderscheidt Tile Yard \$6,200.00
- B. Mathiowetz Construction Co. \$6,800.00
- C. Hoffman Construction Co. \$4,480.00

Manager Kober explained the demolition and exterminator costs will be certified to the property taxes. Councilor Zinniel moved to accept Hoffman Construction Co. bid of \$4,480. Councilor Hirschboeck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilor Stevermer moved to approve a one day liquor permit for St Mary's Church, 636 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North on November 19, 2016 for the dinner theater. Councilor Scheiffert seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sleepy Eye Fire Department Chief Zinniel explained that the department had applied for a \$200,000.00 grant to purchase new turn out gear and air packs but received notice that they did not receive the grant because the city audit did not show a monetary need. City Manager Kober and Chief Zinniel decided to move ahead and get quotes on the equipment because the current gear is over 10 years old and out of compliance.

Zinniel presented the following quotes for air packs and turn out gear:

Air Packs – 18 Air Packs/36 Air Tanks/35 Face Masks

- A. Heiman Fire Equipment \$121,537.00
- B. Clareys Fire Equipment \$137,550.00
- C. Alex Air Apparatus \$108,571.00

Department recommends purchasing the Alex Air Apparatus Air Packs with the cascading system.

Turn Out Gear - (PPE) 33 sets

- A. Jefferson Fire & Safety \$57,189.00
- B. Heiman Fire Equipment \$59,969.58
- C. Alex Air Apparatus \$65,985.00

Department recommends purchasing the turn out gear from Heiman Fire Equipment because of the lumbar back support, wicking material for moisture control and the full cut for mobility in the gear. City Manager Kober recommends borrowing the money and expensing it over a 10 year period. The loan payments would become a line item in the yearly budget and would be an

expense that could be reimbursed through the rural fire contracts. Councilor Zinniel moved to approve the purchase of Air Packs with the cascading system from Alex Air Apparatus for \$108,571.00 and turn out gear from Heiman Fire Equipment for \$59,969.58 with a total purchase price of \$168,540.58 to be financed over 10 years. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion.

Councilor Stevermer moved not to object to the Knights of Columbus exempt gambling application for January 11, 2017 to the MN Gambling Control Board. Councilor Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Engineer Dave Palm reported on the following items:

- A. North side Water and Sewer Project. Site prep is scheduled to start on Wednesday and Harry Wurtzberger will start the shower building foundation next week. M R Paving and Excavating Inc. is scheduled to start the water and sewer lines at St. Mary's Street the middle of next week and the catch basins on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE will also be done next week. Palm requested setting the assessment hearing. Councilor Schmidt moved to set the assessment hearing for the November 10, 2016 council meeting. Councilor Schieffert seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. Phosphate and mercury plans. Plans have been completed and submitted.
- C. Temporary construction easement for the event center. Palm has met with the Southpoint Financial Credit Union Manager to discuss an easement between the City and Credit Union for the west property line of event center property. The Credit Union would like some sort of fence along the property line. City Attorney Fischer will draw up the easement.

City Manager Kober reported on the following:

1. He will be attending the CGMC Conference at Arrowood on November 17 and 18 and anyone wishing to attend should contact him.
2. Rental license fees will be discussed at the finance meeting on Friday. Bernie Wenner, Building Inspector will be attending.
3. Al Schubbe's last day as the Orchid Inn Manager was October 10, 2016 and Chris Fischer will be handling the scheduled events until the event center is completed.

Councilor Schieffert moved to approve a plumbing license for L & K Plumbing and Heating Inc., St Cloud. Councilor Hirschboeck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Manager Kober reported that he along with Councilor Schmidt and City Clerk Tiedeken met with Eric Oelson and staff of Oelson & Hobbie Architects Inc. and selected the interior decorating package for the event center.

Councilor Schieffert thanked everyone who took part in the community build of the playground equipment at Kiefer Park.

Police Chief Andres presented a request to purchase a 2017 Ford Explorer squad for \$38,594.00 from Chuck Spaeth Ford with no trade in. The 2013 Ford Explorer squad has 108,000 miles on it and averages about 3,000 to 4,000 per month. \$35,000.00 will come from the 2016-2017 equipment capital improvement account and \$1,400.00 from the forfeiture account will also be applied to the purchase. The vehicle will be ordered now with delivery in February or March. Councilor Schieffert moved to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer squad from Chuck Spaeth for \$38,594.00. Councilor Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Chief Andres also reported that the department will be rejoining the Safe Sober program with the following departments: Blue Earth, Madelia, Mankato, North Mankato and Eagle Lake.

Police Chief Andres reported that the civil defense siren on top of the power plant no longer rotates when sounded. It is an older electric motor with hydraulics and will either need to be repaired or replaced. Chief Andres will bring this back to the council in early spring.

Councilor Stevermer moved to approve the 9/30/16 Cash Fund Balances and to file the September Police Report. Councilor Hirschboeck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilor Schmidt moved to approve and allow the payment of the monthly bills in the amount of \$193,696.67 as presented. Councilor Schieffert seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Broich reminded the council that the November regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. and will canvas the general election votes.

The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

/s/ James J. Broich  
James J. Broich, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Linda Tiedeken  
Linda Tiedeken, City Clerk