

July 22, 2019

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Sleepy Eye was held in the Council Chambers, 200 Main Street East, Sleepy Eye, MN at 5:30 p.m. on the 22nd day of July, 2019 per due call and notice. Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Gary Windschitl, Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel, Joann Schmidt and Larry Braun were present. Also present were Interim City Manager Bob Elston, City Attorney Alissa Fischer, Attorney Chelsea Bodin (via phone) with Flaherty & Hood, P.A., Chief of Police Matt Andres and City Clerk Michelle Strate.

Councilor Braun requested meeting be open.

Mayor Pelzel opened the meeting by reading the Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05 subdivision 2(b).

Councilor Braun was given an opportunity to present his side. He played a portion of the recording from the June 9, 2018 meeting wherein Mr. Kucera spoke regarding the garbage.

Discussion followed along with the opportunity for Councilors to question Councilor Braun.

Councilor Schmidt made a motion to have Independent Investigator investigate the circumstances of the complaint. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion. Discussion followed and motion was voted down by all.

Recess was called at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Pelzel called the meeting back in session at 6:36 p.m.

Councilor Schmidt made a motion that the City Council consult with legal counsel to hire a third-party investigator to investigate the complaint against Larry Braun of July 1, 2019. Motion was seconded by Councilor Windschitl. Voting in favor were Councilors Windschitl, Schmidt, Stevermer. Voting against was Councilor Pelzel. Motion carried.

Councilor Schmidt made a motion that City Council Member Pelzel act as the designated point of contact during the investigation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Windschitl and motion carried.

Meeting was properly adjourned at 6:44 p.m.